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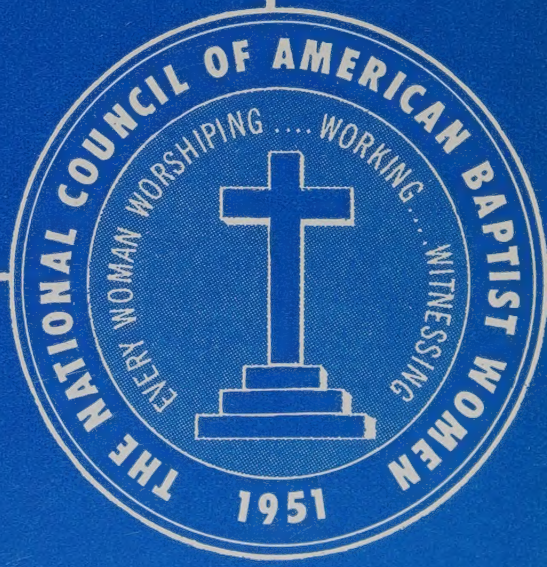

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BY MRS. CLAYTON D. EULETTE

CONSTANCE SHAW—*Editor*

We are fond of saying "The Greeks had a word for it." That word might well have been *artistry*. The Romans, with their flair for achievement, could have named it *careful technique*. Others have called it *creativity*. For us who observed it at close range, Constance Shaw's editorial contribution typifies ability of a high order, fully and freely devoted to a beloved task.

Constance probably never thought of becoming an editor. Yet when she did become one, it was evident that her excellent educational equipment, her varied church activities, together with knowledge of denominational organization and of the American Baptist World Mission, all had prepared her for the position.

When the National Council of American Baptist Women was organized, Constance Shaw was elected Vice-President of Business and Professional Women. She developed plans for interpreting American Baptist work and aims to women who could not attend daytime meetings of the Woman's Society. At that time she was employed in the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education of the Board of Education and Publication. Then one day she was invited to resign from that position, leave the vice-presidency, and devote her full time as administrative assistant in the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women. This invitation she accepted and found, without surprise, that it did indeed mean her full time.

In 1956 THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN became a reality, under the able direction of Mrs. Thomas Ellis and her committee. With one accord they turned to Constance Shaw as editor. There was no lessening of her duties as administrative assistant, since the administrative secretary must, of necessity, spend much time in travel and in conferences. Nevertheless Constance accepted the editorial responsibility willingly and with enthusiasm. Because the hours of a day have no elasticity, she often found it necessary to devote evenings and week-ends to her duties as editor. No one ever heard her even mention this as a sacrifice.

Through the constant, loyal co-operation of the state presidents, the subscription list grew rapidly. State lists were carefully compiled and sent in with regularity by state leaders. The personal messages from national officers and division chairmen were being more widely read, and appreciation was often expressed for the attractive form in which they were received.

We think of an editor as having at least a token staff to assist in such editorial mechanics as spelling, punctuation, grammar; verifying the accuracy of specific information; avoiding needless repetition, and performing the exacting tedious job of proofreading. Constance herself constituted that staff. When there were new officers and chairmen as contributors, some were experienced writers, but some, whose talents lay in other directions, needed and depended upon careful editing. Furthermore, the committee had set rigid space limits. Adjustment of the manuscripts to these requirements often demanded the editorial "blue-pencil." But always care was exercised to preserve the exact meaning and the writer's individuality.

Such were some of the concerns and activities of the editor, which indicate that the position meant far more than the mere assembling of prepared manuscripts and sending them to the printer. However THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN was not, for its editor, just a publication. It was a trumpet call to American Baptist women for unity in the service of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Like a trumpet, therefore, it must have no uncertain sound.

The committee of board members in charge of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN has had two chairmen, Mrs. Thomas A. Ellis and Mrs. Joseph F. Davis. They have given signal leadership and a sensitive response to every problem and every need. It was my privilege to serve for a time with each of them. I feel sure that they and other members of the committee will join wholeheartedly in this expression of what the editorship of Constance Shaw has meant. Mrs. Davis invited me to prepare this editorial and supplied part of the information. The rest is based upon my own observation.

Constance Shaw occupies a sure place in the affectionate regard of those who know her best. She has won the gratitude of those who read THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Now we reluctantly bid her "Farewell," but with the happy optimism of Hawaii we immediately add: "Until we meet again."

To the Presidents

From: Helen Stuber (Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber)
National President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Dear Presidents:

Since writing to you last spring through the pages of The American Baptist Woman, I have visited Baptist mission fields in Hong Kong, Japan, and the Philippines, and have also visited the four American Baptist churches in Hawaii, our fiftieth state.

The four weeks spent in these overseas areas are weeks I shall never forget. Visiting in the homes of missionaries, I had the opportunity of witnessing the work being done at the various mission stations. The reason for my trip was to serve as a team leader for the Hong Kong Prayer Fellowship which was held in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer.

Thirty-four women from fifteen countries of the East Asian area met for five days for study, for discussion, for prayer, and for fellowship. In this group, which was not chosen denominationally but because of Christian leadership, there were five Baptists. In my opinion this speaks well for the training being given.

It was heart-warming to see some of the work which Baptists are doing co-operatively with other denominations through Church World Service, and through the union colleges. Chung Chi University in Hong Kong, The International Christian University, and Tokyo Woman's Christian College in Japan are all training young people for positions of leadership in an atmosphere of Christian influence.

Quiet, Please?—NO!

"Don't mention *that* subject," people say so often. "It is controversial."

Is that the stand which Christian women should take toward such subjects as race relations, labor management problems, government health insurance for the aged, Federal aid to education, teen-age drinking, and so forth?

Of course, there are wide differences of opinion and points of view on these matters, but they are some of the unsolved problems of our times. They need to be faced squarely and in an intelligent spirit of good will rather than evaded by silence. We need to learn how to disagree without being disagreeable.

How should an intelligent, responsible person look at controversial questions? First of all, it is necessary to make a real study of the problem, getting statistics and views from various sources. We need to clip papers and magazines, and ask questions of those who are leaders in the various fields. We need to search until we are able to see both sides of the problem and to arrive at a conclusion which is our own. Those who want to preserve the status quo are usually vocal; therefore to help in changing conditions one needs to have facts, to have arrived at some conclusions, and then to voice them.

Women, all too often, are silent on controversial issues because they do not feel sure of their knowledge and therefore are afraid to speak up. Often, too, they are limited in their interests, which have not been expanded beyond their homes, their churches, and their small circle of activities.

Let us stretch our minds and search our hearts that we may be true witnesses in the world of our day, not only at all times but in all our attitudes toward the problems of the day.

Reports Show Increases

Reports of the program year, 1960-1961, evidence increases in the number of . . .

→ Women members in the churches.

→ Active members in the Woman's Baptist Mission Societies.

→ Circles in the Woman's Baptist Mission Societies.

→ New organizations of Woman's Baptist Mission Societies.

The 1960-1961 reports reveal an increase of 5,895 in the number of active women over the 1959-1960 figures. And 138 new organizations of Woman's Baptist Mission Societies were formed during the year 1960-1961.

Tenth Anniversary Survey Questionnaires

The excellent response which was given to the filling in and the returning of the Tenth Anniversary Survey questionnaires indicates an interest on the part of American Baptist women to express themselves concerning the work they are doing through the National Council of American Baptist Women.

There have been numerous celebrations of this tenth anniversary across the American Baptist Convention at house parties and in the churches. The morning program on Woman's Day at Portland, Oregon, was devoted to a review of the achievements of the National Council of American Baptist Women during the past ten years and also to a look into the future.

We have not only been celebrating with cake and candles, and recalling past events, but we have been tabulating and analyzing the answers given in the questionnaires which were sent to state, association, and local societies, and also to pastors. The final report and interpretation will be made on Woman's Day at the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 23, 1962.

Important Dates

→ The Ninth National Assembly of United Church Women, having for its theme "The Church Ecumenical," will be held at Miami Beach, Florida, October 9-12, 1961. The Assembly will mark the close of the observance of the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. The concerns which came out of thirty-seven Prayer Fellowships—five of which were held overseas—will be discussed by groups at luncheon meetings on each of the three days. There will be several delegates from overseas. Each of the overseas Prayer Fellowships has chosen one of its members to be its representative at the Ninth National Assembly.

→ World Community Day is November 3, 1961. The theme: "Freedom to Know." Included in the study pamphlet,[1] "Education, Women and the Church in the Americas," are questions for discussion by the group.

The offering received at World Community Day services will be used to train women in the field of adult education, and to provide workers for social welfare programs in Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

Gifts of school supplies and simple school outfits for both boys and girls should be taken to World Community Day services for distribution in needy areas. Please refer to page 28 of this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

Looking Ahead

Many of us are undoubtedly wondering how well we are carrying out our responsibilities as presidents; some, who were recently elected, are wondering perhaps whether they can accomplish all that is expected of them. Thoughts of the day when we shall have completed our terms of office are probably far from our minds, but let us consider the role of a past president.

At the White House Conference on the Aging much was said about the importance of preparing for the days of retirement. Some persons whose lives are bound up in their jobs find themselves lost when they reach retirement and have a difficult time adjusting to the new schedule and to the changed conditions.

All of us want to do well the task entrusted to us, but some presidents find it difficult to lay down their responsibilities and gracefully to leave them in the hands of the newly elected president. It is important that we give thought to the kind of past president we are going to be some day.

Let us . . .

→ Resolve to be willing to step gracefully aside when the office we have filled to the best of our abilities is entrusted to another!

→ Resolve to be helpful but not interfering!

→ Resolve to be available but not in the way!

→ Resolve to uphold the new person with words of encouragement and to remember her in prayer, instead of uttering words of criticism and pointing out mistakes.

Then we, in turn, will be respected and loved rather than resented and disliked.

Reorganization

Reorganization of the American Baptist Convention was accomplished at the annual convention in Portland, Oregon.

The National Council of American Baptist Women is now one of nine divisions within the General Council of the American Baptist Convention. Further details concerning the reorganization will appear in the 1962 winter issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

Valley Forge

In May, 1961, the datestone was placed for the new building of the American Baptist Convention at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Early in 1962 the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be moved to Valley Forge.

In the two previous issues of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN a plea was made to support the drive for the initial payment of $2,225,000. A dollar given now will be the equivalent of two dollars a few years from now. One pastor has suggested that every American Baptist make a gift of five dollars and thereby raise the needed amount.

Our obligation must be met. We have not suggested that Woman's Societies make contributions, but we do urge all women to co-operate in seeing that every family in the church has an opportunity to make a contribution through the church. And let each one of us make sure that her church has a share in raising this initial payment *now*, in order to save the thousands of dollars that will otherwise be required for interest.

The architecture of our new building is outstanding and beautiful. The work of the American Baptist Convention will be carried on more efficiently in this environment.

Baptist Day of Prayer

The date . . . Friday, December 1, 1961.

The theme . . . "Think on These Things."

The service for the Baptist Day of Prayer was written by women of three Baptist Conventions of the Greater Kansas City area. The writers included two members from each of the three Conventions: the American Baptist, the National Baptist, and the Southern Baptist Conventions.

We urge that services for the Baptist Day of Prayer be planned jointly with members of the various Baptist Conventions.

[1] Order from the Publication and Distribution Department, National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 340, Manhattanville Station, New York 27, New York. Price, 30 cents per copy.

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: Virginia Farmar (Mrs. William G. Farmar)
National First Vice-President
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Full Measure?

Once upon a time there was a small boy who was often the topic of conversation. He looked like other boys of his age except for his bright curly hair.

One day as he played with the boys in his neighborhood a young matron stopped as she was passing by. Calling the youngster over to one side, she said, "Where did you get that red, curly hair?"

Looking self-conscious, the lad replied, "Well, you see, lady, it just came with the head."

Annual reports are somewhat analogous to this story. The story of activities, programs, and accomplishments are told by the figures. The story comes with the report! It is one all First Vice-Presidents should read and analyze!

Our story reveals the interest and concern we have shown in the inactive women. During the year 1960-1961, First Vice-Presidents worked diligently and reactivated:

7,565 women; 359 societies; 44 associations.

Increasing the membership of the local society and reviving interest in the association and state meetings is a part of our responsibility. When we enlist women in the work of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, we must also strive to encourage them to participate in the total program of the church.

During 1961-1962 we must work even harder. Let us set our goal for 12,000 women to be reactivated! With *your* help it can be done. Put your committee into action early in the fall. Refer to the "Plan for Action" in the 1961 winter issue of The American Baptist Woman.

Facts and Figures . . .

Findings

From the 1960-1961 annual reports we learned the following facts:

→ 50 per cent or one-half of the First Vice-Presidents read one book on leadership.

→ 36 per cent or less than one-half attended a training conference.

→ 63 per cent have workbooks. This is an increase of 863 workbooks over the number used by First Vice-Presidents during 1959-1960.

→ 84 per cent of First Vice-Presidents read their page in The American Baptist Woman.

→ 68 per cent served as a chairman in the division.

Indications

The preceding percentages indicate the areas in which we need to strengthen our work.

Every First Vice-President should read at least one book each year on leadership. It will give her additional knowledge as well as confidence not only in working with her division but also in working with other groups. We need to concentrate in the areas that will make us better leaders. This is one of our emphases for the year 1961-1962. Is it too much to expect to increase the 50 per cent to 100 per cent?

The reports from all thirty-five states indicate that only 36 per cent of First Vice-Presidents attended a training conference. This means that serious consideration and thought should be given to our personal responsibility in attending training sessions. With your co-operation we can double the 36 per cent reported in 1960-1961 to 72 per cent in 1961-1962!

Since the first issue of The American Baptist Woman, we have had glowing reports concerning the help that has been received by reading and studying this publication. The officers and chairmen of the National Council of American Baptist Women write their articles with deep consecration to the task and with sincere and sympathetic understanding for every American Baptist woman. My sincere gratitude is expressed to the 84 per cent of First Vice-Presidents who reported reading the pages which related to their work. It is our constant prayer that The American Baptist Woman will continue to serve as an avenue of inspiration, information, and stimulation.

Division Meetings

We have learned that division meetings are very necessary. Coming together as a division provides opportunity to discuss present needs and to plan for those of the future; members of the division become familiar with all of the work. This knowledge enables them to share ideas and to help one another. Each area of work within the division of First Vice-President is linked: promoting the recruitment of new members for the society; the planning of inspirational programs; promoting attendance at house parties; and the promotion and use of denominational literature.

Reports on the number of division meetings held during the past several years are encouraging. It is not possible to suggest a specific time for holding division meetings. Circumstances differ. Some societies

hold their division meetings in conjunction with the meetings of their boards of managers. This plan is followed frequently in the associations.

Many factors enter into the planning of these meetings. For example, the distance between the homes of the officers and chairmen frequently determines how often the divisions meet. Division meetings must be planned by the individual society. Effort should be made to meet at least once during the year. Plan at the begininng of the program year for division meetings.

Suggestions for an agenda for societies with a membership of medium size (25 to 75) and with a membership of more than 75 follow:

→ Arrange an exhibit of materials related to the work of your division.

→ Begin meeting on time.

→ Open with prayer.

→ Study the basic tools: Constitution; Leader's Guide; Emphases for current year (spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN); current annual reports.

→ Discuss work of your division. Encourage participation by each member.

→ Consider a budget—the total needed for division, amount for each chairman, materials and postage.

→ Present new ideas for: promotion of work, new materials, and for general organization.

→ Make plans for the year.

→ Discuss importance of correspondence.

→ Analyze the workbook. What is it? How is it used? Enumerate the contents: Constitution, Leader's Guide, Emphases, Yearbook, Minutes, Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence, Reports, Agenda, Materials received from counterparts, list of the names of potential leaders, pages from THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, and important dates. Recall the need to keep workbook up to date and to present it to successor at conclusion of term of office.

→ Plan for next division meeting.

→ Close with prayer.

The Small Society

On June 14, 1961, the National Council of American Baptist Women celebrated its tenth anniversary. We had the opportunity to look back, to view the present, and envision the future. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, the first national president of The National Council of American Baptist Women, in addressing several thousand women on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon, emphasized that we are growing up as an organization and must meet the needs of the day. "We must press on," said Mrs. Hodge, "because we are a woman's organization and women are here to stay!"

The small society—the society with fewer than twenty-five members——can function as efficiently as a larger society not only in organization but also in good programing. We thank God for these small societies that labor for the Lord and we are grateful for all they do.

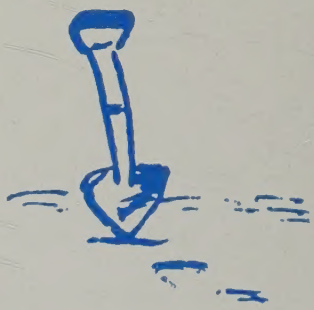
How is it possible to do all this work with a membership of only ten? In the first place, the First Vice-President promotes all areas of work in the division of First Vice-President. This is true not only for this division but for all divisions. The First Vice-President has a division meeting every time she sits down to plan her work. "The Division Vice-President in a Small Society," written by the national chairman of Leadership Training, will be found to be especially helpful.[1]

Programs written especially for the Small Society and Circles are printed each month in *Missions* Magazine. The Program Packet affords many types of programs which may be adapted to meet specific needs.

Enlistment

Are you a Gardener?

Do you enjoy planting the seeds that will eventually grow into beautiful plants? Do you experience an inward joy as you take friends and neighbors into your garden? A special green thumb is not required to harvest a new group of members for your Woman's Baptist Mission Society. What is required is careful study of the "Plan for Action" to discover when and where to plant enlistment seeds!



Do a little spade work with the Plan for Action committee. Ask each one to prepare a list of names of women that should be brought into the program of the Woman's Mission Society.

Have a hoe-down-to-earth session or several sessions in which you study the list of potential members. Give careful and prayerful consideration to each woman. Make certain that the soil into which these enlistment seeds are planted is well kept and productive.

Keep in mind that some seeds will not respond to all gardeners, just as some women may not respond to your first efforts.

Constant cultivation on an individual basis will produce the best results.

The garden has been sown. If you want it to be beautiful with its many varieties of human flowers, a bountiful supply of love must be added. No seeds will flourish without it.

[1] Order from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Single copy, free. Two dollars per 100 copies.

To the Chairmen of Program

From: Mary Kirk (Mrs. Preston Kirk)
National Chairman of Program
Division of the First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Dear Friends:

How I wish more of you could have participated in the division conferences and in the three workshops on program building at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin! I heard many appreciative comments on the helpfulness of the workshops on program building for the small societies, conducted by Mrs. J. B. Lobley, and on program building for the larger societies, conducted by Mrs. W. L. Reagan. The members of these workshops planned, adapted, and presented several programs.

It was a challenge for me to work with state and association chairmen of Program and several state presidents in adapting and building programs and also in planning agenda for state and association meetings.

In the workshop on program building for association and state, we decided that our most urgent need is to strengthen association programs and meetings. You can help us as we continue our work to accomplish this end. Please send me a report on an association meeting which you felt was especially effective. Be sure to include the agenda and details regarding the program.

You can help also by sending your suggestions on how to vary the routine of regular meetings—another consideration of the workshop.

A different display of materials, publicity ideas, favors, invitations, program folders, and visual aids was exhibited each day during the week by each of the three workshops.

May we look forward to meeting *you* at the 1962 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin?

Congratulations!

Congratulations to you—chairmen of Program—for the . . .

→ reports you submitted;

→ work you have done;

→ plans for programs that you have already made and are now completing for the current year.

Reports

Aren't you always eager to see the most recent picture of yourself? Are you ever satisfied? I'm not—unless it flatters me. Let's take a look at our latest picture—that of your society programs and mine—as revealed by our annual reports.

• First, the picture is not as complete as we would desire. Only about 71 per cent of us are in the picture; therefore some of our features are not as true, or as flattering as we might wish. However, our evaluations of our programs showed up very well during 1960-1961. The results of these evaluations are vital in the guidance they give us toward obtaining information and attaining helpful programs. Refer to the 1959 fall issue of The American Baptist Woman, page 8, for suggestions which will help in the evaluation of your programs.

• In this picture of us, some eyes were closed or at least were not looking straight ahead. Only approximately 53 per cent had a well-defined purpose for every meeting. How can we know where we are going or how can we expect intelligent action as a result of our programs unless we have a specific purpose?

• Did some wander off while the picture was being taken? Less than 50 per cent reported having at least eight programs on some phase of our American Baptist world mission. But perhaps we had lens trouble in taking this picture. Some societies have meetings only every other month, alternating with circle meetings. Therefore, instead of using a specific number, as we did in 1960-1961 when we suggested *at least eight programs,* we are suggesting that during 1961-1962 we have for our goal *"every program based on some phase of our American Baptist work."*

"EVERY PROGRAM BASED ON SOME PHASE OF OUR AMERICAN BAPTIST WORK"

The goal for 1961-1962 is not a difficult one for the reason that the areas of work in the American Baptist world mission are extensive and include foreign and home mission work; the Baptist Jubilee Advance and other denominational emphases; our ecumenical co-operation and work. Also included are White Cross, Family Life, Love Gift, Mission Interpreters, Christian Social Relations, Leadership Training, and Baptist Institutions and Schools.

The use of the programs in the annual program packet and in *Missions* Magazine will help to attain the goal for 1961-1962 because they are all on our denominational work.

A Glorious Task

The reports indicate, on the whole, that many of you have been working diligently to inspire, inform, and activate the members of your Woman's Baptist Mission Society and circles. This has meant work and it will mean much more work as the year progresses. In fact, you are probably now in the process of implementing and developing the plans made by you and your program committee several months ago. However, when one stops to consider the results which may be realized from a keen sense of responsibility plus dedicated effort, then the task becomes a glorious one.

PREP

Planning the **R**ight **E**ducation **P**rogram for our children is an essential part of the life of every family. Soon the joint committee of men and women will meet to begin preparation on the program for February entitled, "When and Where." The membership for this committee is listed in the program. Although the local chairman of Program is not responsible for the planning and preparation of this particular program, she will, of course, be a resource person.

Have you supplied a copy of the program "When and Where" to your Vice-President of Christian Training? [1]

You Are a VIP

Effective programs are the result of many factors. Two of the most vital are *advance planning* and *hard work.*

The chairman of Program for the Woman's Society is a **V**ery **I**mportant **P**erson. She bears much of the responsibility for planning programs for both the society and circles. As a chairman of Program some of your important duties are to:

→ Call the program committee together at the beginning of the year. Following prayer for Divine guidance, the committee selects the programs to be presented each month throughout the year by the society. It is important that prior to this first meeting each member has been given the opportunity to read and to evaluate all the programs in the program packet. Following the selection of the program for each month, the responsibility for adapting, preparing, and presenting it, may be delegated to individuals, divisions, committees or circles.

→ Meet two or three months prior to the actual presentation of each program, with the group responsible for the program. You are a member of the group. Go over the plans, supplementary materials and visual aids to be used, room facilities best suited to the program, publicity ideas, action to follow the program, the evaluation, and so forth.

→ Assemble from the current program packet for the use of the circles such programs as are not to be used by the Woman's Society. Obtain information concerning the programs which are to be printed monthly in *Missions* Magazine. Become familiar with "Help from the Digest," plus all other current supplementary resource materials. You are then in a position to meet with the chairmen responsible for planning the programs for the circles and to give guidance.

→ Share with the circle chairmen ideas as to different types of presentations, the need for evaluation of programs and meetings, and so forth. You are not, however, responsible for the development and presentation of programs in the circles.

[1] To Teach Our Children—"When and Where." Program by Margaret and Arthur Maye and Phyllis and Warren Mild in the 1961-1962 program packet, "You Are Witnesses."

A Specific Program

We have given our attention to the planning for programs. Now let us consider the time and work that were given to one specific program.

Have You Heard?

"Whole continent is moved into assembly room of First Baptist," so read the headlines of a Newark, Ohio, newspaper, reporting on the program entitled "Have You Heard?" which was presented under the leadership of Mrs. C. A. Budd.

If you have heard about this program, you may want the following details:

As the women entered the assembly room they found chairs forming a large circle around a map of the United States, Central America, and the West Indies. The map measured approximately twenty-five feet in width. It was made of newsprint sheets pasted together.

Objects representing various phases of mission work were placed on the map. Among the objects were 500 churches with steeples, 30 small, red schoolhouses, 4 bottles of colored water representing hospitals, 2 boats for a Seaman's Mission in California, and a floating mission in Alaska, 9 Bibles for seminaries, one white block for nurse's training, 33 blue pillars for Christian centers, 15 tepees for Indian missions, a hearing aid for a church for the deaf, cars for traveling missionaries and trailer missions, figures of people for evangelists, gaily wrapped blocks for orphanages, a tower for a radio station, red pagodas for Chinese mission work, and a globe representing the American Baptist Home Mission Societies headquarters.

Mrs. Budd made a brief explanation of the nature of the program, indicating that the objects represented home mission work in many phases. Then informally one woman after another rose and prefaced her two-or-three-minute speech with "Have you heard?" And then she told of some particular phase of home-mission work. Each speaker suggested that if there were members who desired to add any news item regarding the work to feel free to do so.

The Love Gift offering was included toward the end of the program with the telling of a true home-mission story.

Hard work and lots of it? Yes, indeed! But can you imagine the interest and enthusiasm that developed as the work progressed? Mrs. Budd revealed to us that not less than 85 hours of actual planning and work went into this program.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: Florence Berg (Mrs. James C. Berg) *(right)*
Introducing: Elaine Yarrow (Mrs. Garland Yarrow) *(left)*
National Chairman of House Party
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Santa Monica, California

Greetings, Chairmen of House Party!

The 1961 house parties are now a memory. We look forward to the spring, summer, and early fall house parties of 1962.

To Arizona we are indebted for the following answer to those who ask, "What can a chairman of House Party do now?"

From Arizona

You may ask, "But what can a chairman of House Party do now when the house party is over and forgotten?"

The answer: "See that it is *not* forgotten."

Don't you remember how you wished during those moments of worship and learning that Jane was there too? Do you remember your desire to recall to Mary what you had learned?

Now is the time to share those meaningful moments with the members of your society who were unable to attend the 1961 house party in your state.

Help them to realize how important it is for them to make every effort to attend the 1962 house party.

Some of the societies during each year plan a program entitled a "Miniature House Party." Such a program might include such features as Depth Bible Study, Ye Olde Booke Shoppe for the promotion of new books, officer training groups, or division presentations. The meeting room and exhibit tables might be decorated with articles appropriate to your house party setting. Posters are interesting. Why not use some of the snapshots taken by the members of your Woman's Society at previous house parties?

From Vermont

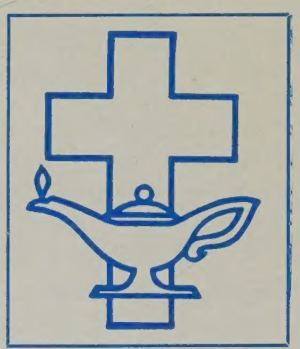
Can you match this record? Each year during the Vermont house party those who are attending for the first time are honored with a special ribbon of recognition; to those who have attended the annual house party for 5, 10, and 15 years a certificate is presented. At the September 1960 house party, Mrs. Dan Perry was especially honored in recognition of attendance at *all* of Vermont's 26 house parties.

From New Jersey

Stress the need for enthusiasm. Create a desire in others to attend the house party by reflecting what it means to you. This can be done!

For years one of New Jersey's churches with a membership of 170 had only two members of the Woman's Society attending the house party each year. In 1961 ten members attended for the entire time and two members attended for two days! And one of the members who attended for the entire time has four preschool children!

PREP



PREP—Planning the Right Education Program — is a project of the American Baptist Convention.

PREP was developed to assist American Baptist parents in planning for the college education of their sons and daughters.

Refer to pages 30 and 33 of this issue of The American Baptist Woman for further information.

The purposes of PREP are to:

→ Inspire American Baptist men and women to encourage their sons and daughters to enter church vocations.

→ Dramatize to American Baptist parents the need for their children to go to college.

→ Instruct parents in planning for Christian higher education of their children.

PREP programs were featured at many 1961 house parties. Let each chairman of House Party give her support to the promotion of the PREP program in her church!

Spring Tonic

Rhode Island has contributed the program "Spring Tonic." *[In the manner of a radio commercial, an announcer—visible or behind the scenes—gives the uses of a tonic. Read slowly to allow time for pantomime.]*

Commercial One:

Are you the tired housewife who feels that the tightrope on which you've been walking is about to snap? Are you bored with pots and pans, washing and iron-

ing, and jarred by Junior's loud yell? If this is *you*, then you don't need pills! What you need is three whole days at the Baptist Woman's House Party. And the time is right, ————. A few days later and you might snap!

[Woman, wearing housedress and carrying filled clothesbasket, walks wearily to chair in center stage, drops basket, sits down, places chin in hands, elbows on lap. Expression reveals fatigue and strain. As she picks up basket and continues across stage, a voice, imitating that of a young boy, shrieks, "Hey, mom, when do we eat?"]

Commercial Two:

Is *your* illness that of loneliness? Have you just moved? Need new friends? Then here's the right prescription for you: Go pack a small bag. You won't need many clothes. No, don't put in soap or towels. Oh no, not that blanket—the college, your host, will provide all that. Yes, Bible you will need, notebook and pencil, too. "Rain-wear? Well, if taking it along will keep rain away—do take it. Now you hurry on to ————, where you'll find the finest group of women anywhere—women who are eager to meet you and to become your friends.

[Woman, who appears lonely and timid, is seen at left of stage. Suitcase and articles are similar to those mentioned by the announcer, in order that she can exhibit them as referred to. When packing is complete, she joins a group of three other women, right of stage. She is welcomed by them, and goes into conversation with them.]

Commercial Three:

Are you suffering from fear about that job you've been elected to? Need a little help? Well, you'll improve when you go to the house party. There you will find a clinic made up of specialists in their fields—be it anatomy of program, the field of general practice in leadership, or the science of vitamins for Woman's Societies. Yes, if jobitis is bothering you, mark your calendar for ————. Get your house in order for your trip to the clinic where you can be helped.

[Three women walk slowly across the stage. The first wears placard "Chairman of Program"; the second, "Chairman of Leadership Training"; the third, "Chairman of Spiritual Life."]

Commercial Four:

Now, dear lady, if you're aching from doing *nothing*, holding *no* job—really don't want one—then you, too, will get relief at the house party. You do enjoy study of the Bible, don't you? Have you ever heard ————? She'll make your study more meaningful this year. You like fun too, don't you? Well, there's an extra treatment for you. The ministers' wives at the house party have taken to drama and will entertain you on ———— evening. Delicious food will also help you—oh, yes, and the banquet, too! And to top it all there's an address by ————. You simply must go to the house party.

[Very precise, well-dressed lady walks nonchalantly across the stage. Before leaving the stage, she smiles her approval, indicating that she has been sold on the idea of going to the house party.]

Announcer *[continues]:*

And now here's a word for all you ladies listening in today. You can have the benefits of this spring tonic by placing your order early. Don't risk a disappointment because we've sold out early. The cost per person is ———— full time, including lodging, insurance, registration fee, and the banquet.

Sign up with the registrar ————. Go to the Woman's Baptist Mission Society House Party on ————.

Appreciation

I thank each chairman of House Party—local, association, and state—for her co-operation and participation in our fellowship of chairmen of House Party. Your willingness to share successful programs, skits, ideas, and publicity has made our pages in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN more profitable to all.

May God bless each one of you as you carry on the task of making our house parties more meaningful each year.

It Is Now My Pleasure . . .

To introduce to you my successor. Mrs. Garland Yarrow of Santa Monica, California, elected at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon, as a member-at-large, will serve as our national chairman of House Party.

Mrs. Yarrow has served as a local president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, as an association president, and as state chairman of Christian Social Relations. She has recently completed her term of office as state chairman of House Party for Southern California.

Greetings from Mrs. Garland Yarrow

"I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Mrs. Berg for the help she has given to us who have served with her as chairmen of House Party.

"The sharing of ideas has been most helpful and I look forward to hearing from state, association, and local chairmen of House Party during the year in order that we may (1) stimulate a desire on the part of even more members of our Woman's Societies to attend their house parties, and (2) improve the effectiveness of our house party programs in order that those attending will receive to an even greater degree the training, inspiration, and fellowship that are so urgently needed.

"Looking to the future will you pray with me:

Take then ourselves O Lord, heart, mind and will,

Through our surrendered lives Thy plans fulfill.

We yield ourselves to Thee, Time, Talents, all.

We hear and henceforth heed Thy sovereign call."

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: Hazel Lobley (Mrs. J. Benjamin Lobley)
National Chairman of Literature
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 116 Kenduskeag Avenue, Bangor, Maine

Dear Chairmen of Literature:

During the days, weeks, and months following the spring issue of The American Baptist Woman, our attention has been centered on:

→ Annual reports from local, association, and state chairmen.

→ Annual meetings—state, association, and local.

→ Woman's Day and the American Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon.

→ State house parties.

→ National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Since all of these interests are important to the accomplishment of our work as chairmen of Literature, let us consider certain highlights.

Annual Reports

• Reports were submitted by 3,300 local chairmen, 332 association chairmen, and 35 state chairmen of Literature. This is most gratifying.

The promptness of the local chairmen in sending their reports to their association counterparts was appreciated. Much depends upon the promptness of the local and association chairmen in order for the state report to reach the national chairman on time. All state reports were received promptly, but three state chairmen indicated that their reports were not complete because some reports were received by them too late to be included.

• Literature was displayed in special ways by 3,268 local chairmen of Literature.

Churches with libraries number 2,064. It is interesting to note that in each church which has a library there is an item in the budget for literature.

• The American Baptist Woman is not as yet read by every chairman of Literature. If your Woman's Society does not have three subscriptions, as recommended by the national chairman of Leadership Training, stress the advantages. Probably much of the promotion of The American Baptist Woman is done at the house parties. If your church was not represented at the house party, you have a promotion job. There are over eight thousand subscribers to The American Baptist Woman, but if each officer or chairman is not seeing at least the pages written to her by her national counterpart, reading them, and filing them in her workbook, then eight thousand subscriptions are not enough.

Annual Meetings

Annual meetings mean elections. If you are one whose term of office has been completed, I want to express my appreciation for your efficiency and co-operation. I trust that your life has been enriched by this service, and I believe that you will continue to find further activity in your Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

To all *new* chairmen of Literature a hearty welcome! You are a part of a fellowship of consecrated leaders. You have the workbook and other materials given to you by your predecessor, but you will need to explore the best way for you to fulfill your responsibility. Be sure to write to me if I can help in any way. May God bless you.

Portland Convention

Missions Magazine and *Crusader* have both given thorough accounts of the American Baptist meetings held in Portland, Oregon, during June, 1961.

The following account of the luncheon for the division of First Vice-President, held on Woman's Day, will be of special interest to the chairmen of Literature who were unable to attend for one reason or another.

Every detail for the division luncheon was carefully planned with the assistance of Oregon state counterparts. Special attention was given to the facilities and attractiveness of the room in the Multnomah Hotel, to the menu, the favors, and the program. This meeting with counterparts who were able to be in Portland was truly a highlight.

In the exhibit booth of the National Council of American Baptist Women, assistance was given by chairmen of Literature. Appreciation is expressed again to the Washington state chairman of Literature and to two Washington local chairmen of Literature for the service rendered for two periods during the Convention.

State House Parties

The presentation of literature at the state house parties is one of the most important responsibilities of the state chairmen of Literature. More women are reached at the house party than at any other state meeting. It is at the house party where the local and association chairmen receive the greatest help.

The Ohio state chairman of Literature has sent me some excellent material distributed by her at the Ohio

house party. Many chairmen may be interested in seeing and using it. House parties, to be sure, are over for 1961, but there are fall association meetings which will be held during the coming weeks. Communicate with your state chairman of Literature for the suggestions contributed by the Ohio state chairman of Literature and also for any other suggestions that your state chairman herself may have.

Will you share your ideas with me that in turn these ideas may be shared with others through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

The house party is probably the best place at which to become familiar with all denominational and approved interdenominational literature—both priced and free.

National Women's Conference

The committee that planned the National Women's Conference, those who assisted in any way, and those who attended, all contributed in making the 1961 National Women's Conference a success. If you were not able to attend this conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, why not begin now to make plans for the 1962 National Women's Conference, July 14-21, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

It was interesting to learn of the various means of transportation to the 1961 National Women's Conference. Some traveled by chartered bus, some by train, others by plane, and still others by private cars. Do consider all possible means for travel and try to have a group attend from your area in 1962.

Division Meeting

On Monday afternoon at the National Women's Conference, all First Vice-Presidents and chairmen in the division of First Vice-President came together for a division meeting. Thirty-five division counterparts attended this meeting at which "One Train of Thought" was presented. Communicate with your state chairman of Literature if you desire a copy of this presentation.

During the remaining four afternoon gatherings each member of the national division of First Vice-President met with her state, association, and local counterparts. During the meetings with the chairmen of Literature we felt that although the group was small, the questions, comments, and discussions were so diversified that they reflected the thinking of all chairmen of Literature across the American Baptist Convention.

As a result of these afternoon meetings it is hoped that together we may give more assistance to each other in our area of Literature.

HOW

HOW, a publication by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies for pastors and missionaries, often carries an article pertinent to women's work. The following report of a program, contributed by Mrs. Roger W. Hill, Attleboro, Massachusetts, in the July, 1961, issue of *HOW* is recommended for circle meetings or for meetings of societies with a membership of fewer than twenty-five.

"At our last missionary meeting we scattered clippings and articles about Alaska, its missionaries, and its challenge, over the tables. When program time came, all the women read for ten minutes and then reported for fifteen minutes. The plan was a great success.

"Every woman took part and we all learned a lot. The method enlisted the co-operation of not a few, but all."

A Christian Social Relations Mosaic

An excellent booklet, *A Christian Social Relations Mosaic*, has recently been published by the division of Christian Service of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Be sure to bring this booklet to the attention of your chairman of Christian Social Relations. Tell her that it may be purchased at the nearest American Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, 25 cents.

New Literature Packet Plan

The inside cover of the June, 1961, issue of *Missions* Magazine asks whether you are one of the 2,100 subscribers to the "New Literature Packet Plan."

Are you? If not, send your subscription to the Department of Literature.[2] Price, $2.00 per year.

Material for the "New Literature Packet" is sent to subscribers seven times a year. The packet contains a copy of the annual *Book of Remembrance*, four copies of *The Secret Place*, plus samplings of the new pieces of literature printed by the various agencies of the American Baptist Convention.

Missions Magazine

Missions Magazine Sunday will be observed in the churches of the American Baptist Convention on October 22, 1961.

Become familiar with the information in "Club Talk," by Dr. Frank A. Sharp, business manager and editor's assistant, page 48, June, 1961, issue.

Take *Missions* Magazine with you to all church meetings. Talk about it to everyone—men and women. Call the attention to the special Judson Anniversary Issue of *Missions* to be published in March, 1962. All regular subscribers will receive this enlarged edition without extra cost. Orders for individual copies of this issue must be received prior to February 1, 1962. The price is fifty cents per copy.

Book of Remembrance is a perfect Christmas gift for all members of an American Baptist church. Send your orders now to the Department of Literature.[2] Price, $1.00.

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[1] American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

[2] Department of Literature, Council on Missionary Co-operation, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: Lois Mayes (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes)
National Vice-President of Missions
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, California

The 150th Anniversary

In February 1962, American Baptists will mark with pride the 150th anniversary of the sailing of Adoniram and Ann Judson to Burma, and the beginning of our world mission.

In American Baptist churches the Vice-President of Missions of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the Missions Committee of the church will want to make plans for a special observance of this anniversary by the Woman's Society, by the circles, and by the entire church membership.

Special programs might also be planned for state house parties and for other state and association meetings.

Background Material

The following books will be especially helpful in planing for this 150th anniversary:

→ *To the Golden Shore* by Courtney Anderson. An excellent biography of Adoniram Judson. The new paperback edition is priced at $1.45.[1]

→ *Golden Boats from Burma* by Gordon L. Hall. A charming biography of Ann Hasseltine Judson, giving the poignant details of her romance and the great difficulties of her early life in Burma. Price, $3.75.[1]

Both of these books should be purchased at once for the church library. All Vice-Presidents of Missions will want to read these two books as together we look forward to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the courageous sailing to Burma by Ann and Adoniram Judson.

→ A special edition of *Missions* Magazine will be issued in March, 1962, in observance of the anniversary. It will contain a number of special features and historical articles. This issue will be priced at fifty cents per copy. Additional copies should be ordered for your Woman's Society and circles.[2]

Home Mission Source Material

→ *Home Mission Digest, 1961,* may be ordered from your state convention office. Price, 75 cents. Because the staff of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies will be occupied with the denomination's move to Valley Forge, publication of the 1962 edition of *Home Mission Digest* will be omitted.

→ "Helps from the Digest" is a helpful series of programs based on stories in the 1961 edition of the *Home Mission Digest.* Send your order for "Helps from the Digest" to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 10 cents.

These program helps furnish excellent resource material for small societies and circles.

"Help Heal in His Name"

These beautiful and challenging words form the theme of the World Fellowship Offering, scheduled for October 1, 1961.

Packets of very attractive materials have been sent to pastors, and to local, association, and state Vice-Presidents of Missions. The co-operation and help of all Vice-Presidents of Missions is extremely important to the promotion of this offering.

Discuss the schedule for the observance of the World Fellowship offering with your pastor or with the chairman of the Missions Committee of your church; make sure that plans are going forward in your church. An excellent guide has been provided, suggesting the steps to take in publicizing and laying the groundwork for the offering. Be sure to read this guide with great care. It informs us and prepares us for the promotion of this offering which is an important part of the work of all Vice-Presidents of Missions.

The members of the Woman's Society will appreciate especially the series of six brief devotional services which are included in the packet. These will be useful in circle meetings, and in White Cross meetings; in fact, in all meetings of the Woman's Society.

Emergency Needs

Results of a survey were given at the 1961 spring meeting of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. Thirty years ago there were more than two hundred single women missionaries serving on overseas fields. Today there are only eighty-nine.

The list of specialized needs requiring single women on our overseas fields is long and urgent. Single women are needed as teachers, nurses, doctors, and in other special capacities.

[1] Order from American Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

[2] Send order to: *Missions* Magazine, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Equally great needs exist on home mission fields. Vice-Presidents of Missions can help:

1. Pray about these needs, both in public and private devotions. Ask the women of your church to make this appeal a special object of prayer in the society, in circles, and in their private meditations.

2. Ask your pastor to present this challenge and to give counsel to interested young people. Many young persons hear the call of God to Christian service as they attend a summer camp. Cultivate this interest.

3. Encourage the young people who have an interest in missionary service to write to our mission boards.

If their interest is in service here at home, ask them to write to: The Reverend Ernest Witham, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

If their interest is in an overseas appointment, ask them to write to: The Reverend W. W. Parkinson, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Essential Tools

→ "Tools for the Task" is a helpful mimeographed list of titles of items to be used as resource material in the study of our foreign mission fields. This list contains general resources as well as specific suggestions for programs on each of the American Baptist mission fields. It will be helpful to every Vice-President of Missions. It may be ordered free of charge from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

→ "Friends Through Books" is the graded annual listing of titles of books and plays recommended for use in connection with the mission study themes for the current year. This is now available for free distribution at your nearest Baptist bookstore.

"Focus on the Future"

A colorful and unusual new pamphlet entitled "Focus on the Future" has recently been published by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. It contains basic questions and answers in regard to the world outreach in the current setting of world events.

"Focus on the Future" is unusual both in format and content. It will have special appeal both to young people and older adults. It is excellent to use for programing in small societies or circles, for men's groups, for the Guild or the Baptist Youth Fellowship. It is an additional resource for the school of missions.

Order "Focus on the Future" from your nearest Baptist bookstore! Price, 25 cents.

"Source of the Light"

A new filmstrip, "Source of the Light," will be of interest to Vice-Presidents of Missions, and to others who have responsibility for program planning and for mission study courses.

"Source of the Light" is the true story of a Japanese Christian, Mr. Namioka, principal of the Hinomoto Girls' School, at Himeji, Japan. It is an inspiring story, as well as a documentation of our mission work in Japan.

Order the color filmstrip, "Source of the Light," from your nearest Baptist Film Library.[3] Sale, $5.00. At the same time request a free copy of the titles of visual aids available for the current mission themes.

"Witness to the World"

The annual report of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies—in interesting pictorial form—may be ordered, free of charge, from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

"Witness to the World" was designed to be used as a colorful poster for the church bulletin board. In combination with this, the annual sheet showing the pictures of the 1961 home and foreign mission appointees should be used. Two copies of the missionary-picture sheet should be ordered for each church in order that both home and foreign mission appointees' pictures may be displayed.

Order the missionary-picture sheets from either the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies or the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

Welcome to Mrs. Sampson

The division of Missions welcomes a new member. Mrs. Walter Sampson joins our ranks as chairman of Mission Interpreters, succeeding Mrs. George Swope who resigned last spring.

Mrs. Sampson is serving on the board of managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and on the state board of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Ohio, where she has been a very active member for some years. She comes to the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women with great interest in the work and with a background of wide information. We are happy to welcome her as a member of our division family.

Our best wishes and appreciation go to Mrs. George Swope who has given so generously of her time and abilities.

IMPORTANT

An emergency notice has been received from our missionaries in Haiti. In spite of great needs, they will no longer be permitted to receive relief packages in any form.

Missionaries request that instead of gifts of this type we send equivalent sums of money to aid in relief work in this very needy area.

Such gifts should be sent to the World Relief Committee of the American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

NOTE: These gifts should be marked specifically for **"Haiti Relief."**

[3] Send order to Baptist Film Libraries: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2855 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley 5, California.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Leona Mueller (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)
National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minnesota

Greetings!

After a pleasant summer of study, rest, and relaxation we meet again through the magic of the printed page. I look forward to receiving your ideas and suggestions, as well as your questions and calls for help which come throughout the year.

In this issue of The American Baptist Woman, I present a variety of facts and figures, news and notations for your perusal and use during the coming weeks.

World Fellowship Offering

October 1, 1961, will be World Fellowship Offering Day in our American Baptist churches.

Be sure to make certain that educational, worship, and background materials are used as widely as possible in your church.

Meeting the goal set for the World Fellowship offering means the difference between continuing the mission work on our overseas fields or cutting back at a time when the need is greatest.

What Is *Missions* Magazine?

Missions Magazine is one of the oldest religious periodicals in America. Its purpose is to keep American Baptists informed about the work of their American Baptist Convention in the United States and overseas.

Missions seeks to interpret the new world of today from a Christian point of view. It is a magazine that every American Baptist should read. Are you a subscriber? Have you renewed your subscription?

The March, 1962, issue of *Missions* will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the sailing of the Judsons to Burma. If you are not a subscriber, make sure that you will receive this special Judson Anniversary issue by subscribing today.

Mail your subscription to *Missions* Magazine, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Subscription price is $2.50 for a single subscription for one year, or $2.00 for each of five or more subscriptions.

Church Women's Handicraft Service

Mrs. Lenore E. Porter, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, has many beautiful articles that will add interest to your exhibit and to your luncheon tables.

You may order Guatemalan dolls made by Mayan Indians; jewelry featuring Venezuelan butterfly wings; bird place cards, wood carvings from Africa, lovely silk scarves from India, mother-of-pearl jewelry from Palestine, and other items from mission study areas.

Write to Mrs. Porter for a free catalogue.

Our Tools

Helpful tools for the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education are listed with key to ordering.[1]

(7)	Stewardship Education in a Baptist Church.	Free
(7)	Missionary and Stewardship Education at a Glance	Free
(7)	Friends Through Books	Free
(7)	Resources for the School of Missions	Free
(5)	The Church School of Missions	$0.50
(5)	Library of Missionary Reading Books	$0.50

At the Head of Our Reading List—The Bible

Let us continue to encourage Bible reading in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the circle meetings!

The Bible Book of the Month for each of the remaining months in the 1961-1962 program year is:

September	Isaiah
October	Romans
November	Ezekiel
December	John
January	1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude
February	Joshua and Ruth
March	Job
April	2 Corinthians
May	Luke

1961-1962 Study Themes

Overseas..The Christian Mission in Latin American Countries. Recommended for the school of missions.

Home....Churches for New Times. Recommended for study groups or church school classes.

Create Interest in a Mission Study Theme

→ Plan a family night dinner and program using place mats, napkins, and favors designed especially for the mission study themes. Order from the Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Road, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

→ Suggest that the menu include some of the foods which are native to the country being studied.

→ Exhibit arts and crafts from the culture of the country or countries being studied.

→ Add interest by the use of motion pictures, filmstrips, maps, and drama; and a panel discussion on the mission study theme will often create a desire to learn more about a country.

Recommended Study Books and Materials

Books and materials may be ordered as indicated by the parenthetical number preceding each item.[1]

Overseas

(5) *Land of Eldorado.* Sante V. Barbieri .... $ 1.50
(5) *The Quiet Crusaders.* Henry L. McCorkle $ 1.95
(5) *One Mark of Greatness.* L. A. Cattan and H. C. Schmitz. Also on home missions $ 1.50
(5) Study Guide for *One Mark of Greatness.* Dorothy A. Stevens ..... $ 0.50
(5) *Neighbor Voices.* Fifty states' and Latin America's Baptist missions. Dorothy A. Stevens, editor ..... $ 1.25
(5) *Fun and Festival from Latin America.* Ella H. Kepple ..... $ 0.75
(4) *Out of the Dust.* Film. 45 minutes ....Rental, $10.00
(4) *Till Freedom Comes.* Film. 20 minutes .....Rental, $ 8.00
(4) *The Bible and Diego Thompson.* Filmstrip .....Sale, $ 7.00
(5) *The Eye of the Storm.* A drama. Archie Crouch ..... $ 0.75
(5) Political Map of Latin America. 32 x 42 $ 1.25

Home

(5) *By Deed and Design.* Virgil Foster ..... $ 1.95
(5) *Edge of the Edge.* Theodore Matson ... $ 1.50
(5) *The Future Won't Wait.* Harvey A. Everett ..... $ 1.75
(5) *Home Mission Digest, 1961.* Helen Schmitz, editor ..... $ 0.75
(3) *Helps from the Digest* ..... $ 0.10
(5) *Fun and Festival from the United States and Canada.* Larry Eisenberg ..... $ 0.75
(5) *Where the World Begins.* A play. Dorothy Wilson ..... $ 0.50
(5) *Pinpoint Plays.* Four discussion starters. $ 0.75
(4) *Boomtime.* Filmstrip .....Sale, $ 7.00
(4) *The Procession.* Motion picture, 30 minutes .....Rental, $ 8.00

[1] Key to Ordering:

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(7) YOUR Baptist State and City Offices.

Missionaries Wanted

Many new missionaries are needed to serve on various mission fields, such as: Bible translators, rural development workers, treasurers, counselors, doctors, nurses, accountants, Christian center workers, evangelists, teachers, and specialists in family life, women's work, audio-visual educational programs.

Encourage your young people to enter these fields of service and pray that these positions will be filled by dedicated young men and women as well as by families.

Facts From the Fields . . .

Home and Overseas

As of January 1, 1961, there were 374 American Baptist missionaries in the overseas program, and more than twelve thousand nationals who are related to this program.

Full administrative responsibility is given as rapidly as possible to responsible overseas bodies. Property is transferred to them as rapidly as necessary agreements and procedures can be completed.

→ American Baptist mission work in the Congo dates from 1884.

→ American Baptist mission work in Bengal-Orissa is composed of about five thousand church members. This work is in the center of strong Hindu influence.

→ South India has over 490 Baptist churches with 153,840 members. Christians come from former outcaste groups. An area-wide youth program has been initiated and the Telugu Baptist Women's Convention is very effective.

→ American Baptists entered Thailand in 1952. There are 35,000 Christians in this land of twenty million people who are mainly Buddhist and Animist.

→ Baptist churches of Burma have a long record of self-support with a strong evangelistic outreach and interest in education. The Burma Baptist Convention receives and dispenses contributions from American Baptists.

→ The Association of Baptist Churches in El Salvador held its first study and planning conference last September. The result was a fresh sense of responsibility to one another, a common concern, and the will for concerted action toward the accomplishment of the mission of the church.

→ The Baptist School and Baptist Hospital reach a large proportion of the people of Managua, Nicaragua. The school had a record year with twelve hundred students enrolled. New members have been added to most of the churches in Nicaragua and two new churches were organized during the past year.

To the Chairmen of Mission Interpreters — Home and Overseas

From: Winifred Swope (Mrs. George Swope) *(right)*
Introducing: Cora Sampson (Mrs. Walter Sampson) *(left)*
National Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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God's Statesmen

Henry Drummond was a name which until recently I casually observed at the end of quotations appearing in a variety of books. Henry Drummond came alive for me when a bound copy of three of his vital and gripping messages was given to me by a devoted Christian teacher.

In "The Programme of Christianity" Drummond refers to all those who take seriously that "programme" for every day living as being "statesmen of the Kingdom of God." Take the time to read or reread what Henry Drummond has to say in his message, "The Programme of Christianity," and you will agree, I believe, that all interpreters of missions—home and overseas—are in reality statesmen of the kingdom.

The dictionary defines a statesman as one who is "versed in the principles and art of government; especially one who shows wisdom in treating or directing public matters; also a man occupied with the affairs of government and influential in shaping its policy." Considered in relation to secular, national and international government, this definition is acceptable and reasonable.

Are we not indignant when newspapers and popular novels point up poor statesmanship in our governmental representatives anywhere in the world? Do we not expect American statesmen to be adequately prepared; to show good judgment in the use of knowledge; to possess unswerving devotion to their tasks; and to produce results? They represent us!

Consider now the statesman of God's kingdom. Should he be expected to do less in this most important work of all? Certainly not! God expects his representatives to be "versed in the principles of kingdom living; wise in applying those principles; occupied primarily with the affairs of the kingdom; and influential in bringing the kingdom among men." God expects no less. He should receive far more. Interpreters are his statesmen, representing his kingdom.

But alas our annual reports at least do not reflect top-flight statesmanship. In some areas we have done fairly well; in some we have maintained the status quo; in some we have slipped behind. A definite effort is needed on the part of all of us who are involved in this department to bring our level of performance and accomplishment up to the point where it belongs.

Important!

More state chairmen must . . .

→ Attend the National Women's Conference or the Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. These conferences are planned basically for state, association, and local leaders and workers of kingdom activity. The Missions Conference is of special significance to workers in this division of Missions.

The state Woman's Baptist Mission Society, the State Convention, or your local society might be willing to help in underwriting the expenses involved.

Attendance at these conferences is an important part of one's preparation and training for the chairmanship of Mission Interpreters.

→ Hold more training sessions. If interpreters are to be "versed in" and "wise" and "influential," they must be helped to become better informed and more effective. One good workshop a year would be helpful.

Be sure to use *How to Plan and Conduct Workshops and Conferences* by Richard Beckhard.[1]

→ Attend state board meetings and state house party, and request time to promote the work of your chairmanship. Then do it effectively. Be courageous enough to be original.

→ Establish and maintain contact with association chairmen of Mission Interpreters. Be ready always with helpful, positive suggestions.

→ Serve as interpreters. There is no better way to develop a sympathetic understanding of the problems and privileges inherent in the mission interpreter's program than by serving as an interpreter. It will also make you more eligible to give advice to others.

Important!

Association chairmen must . . .

→ Recruit! The work of recruiting interpreters and of promoting their use is largely your responsibility.

[1] Order from the Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 7, New York. Price, $1.00.

The success or failure of this program in your association depends in large measure upon you.

• Contact your state office for the names and addresses of national and state denominational secretaries who live in your association. There might also be retired secretaries and missionaries in your area, or possibly relatives of missionaries who have gained much information concerning a specific field. More and more Baptist laymen and laywomen are visiting mission fields. They return filled with concern for the work and with zeal to tell the story. Remember to write to the person suggested, verifying his or her willingness to serve as an interpreter.

• Communicate with the pastors in your area, from whom you may obtain names of persons who would be good interpreters. When writing, a stamped, self-addressed post card might bring an immediate reply.

• Consider quality above quantity. Aim for a few effective interpreters who will be in demand as speakers.

→ Promote!

• Prepare a list of names and addresses of interpreters. Send it to the churches in your association; to women's clubs; to the PTA's; to service organizations, and so forth. Interpreters must be heard.

Several state and association chairmen of Mission Interpreters have submitted mimeographed lists which they have circulated. An especially attractive booklet, prepared by an association chairman in Southern California, includes a full-page pen sketch which she has written about each of the mission interpreters. The information is written with such appeal that one wishes immediately to hear each interpreter.

Included in this booklet also are "Do's and Don't's for the Local Woman's Baptist Mission Society, as well as "Hints for the Mission Interpreters." This is an idea worth imitating. Remember, Southern California led all other states in the number of per capita engagements for interpreters.

Among the Southern California mission interpreters is our national Vice-President of Missions!

• Attend association meetings and always seek time to promote your area of work.

• Keep in touch with each interpreter.

→ Learn! Attend your state workshop. Set up workshops for your association interpreters.

Important!

Local chairmen must . . .

Promote as effectively as possible the use of association Mission Interpreters—home and overseas—among all groups of the church, as suggested by the association chairman of Mission Interpreters. In societies not having a chairman of Mission Interpreters, the responsibility to promote the use of association Mission Interpreters becomes that of the Vice-President of Missions.

Mission Interpreters . . .

Will you take some tips?

1. Be sincere and concerned. Believe that what you are doing has eternal significance. Your concern must relate to each person in your audience as well as to the work on the field which you represent. Strive through your presentation to inspire those who listen to a deeper commitment to God's way.

2. Be enthusiastic. Remember this is *Good News* you are telling. Enthusiasm is contagious.

3. Free yourself from distracting mannerisms in voice and action. A play-back of a tape recording will indicate the former; a mirror or a good friend will help you to correct the latter.

4. Aim for the bull's-eye. Have you ever heard "buckshot preaching"? It is said to go in all directions at once without hitting much of anything. Have a clarity and unity of purpose, then aim in that direction.

5. Make an outline. Stick to it. An outline presupposes careful collection and organization of material. Speaking freely from an outline allows for more flexibility and better audience contact than does a written speech which is memorized or read.

6. Be brief but complete. Cover everything necessary, but be brief enough to be interesting. Don't assume that everyone is as vitally interested in your subject as you are. It is your responsibility to stimulate interest not to kill it. Don't belabor unimportant details.

7. Avoid monotony of voice. Monotony is soporific! Make an effort to vary the tone of the voice and to change the rate of speed at which you speak.

8. Test your speech. Deliver it aloud to yourself. Try it out on an interested person on whose frankness you can depend for constructive criticism.

Your New National Chairman

And now it is my privilege to introduce to you the new national chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas: Mrs. Walter Sampson, 1726 Malasia Road, Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Sampson, a devoted Christian laywoman, has served the Kingdom program through church, association, state, and national work.

In her church she has served as chairman of Program in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society; a church school teacher; a member of the board of missions; and as chairman of the board of Christian education.

In her association and state Woman's Baptist Mission Societies, Mrs. Sampson has served as First Vice-President, chairman of Program, chairman of Spiritual Life, and chairman of Leadership Training.

As a member of the board of managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Mrs. Sampson is serving on several committees.

May Mrs. Sampson's unswerving devotion and deep loyalty to the world mission of American Baptists become that of each chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas—as together you serve to build God's kingdom among men everywhere.

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: Elizabeth Ford (Mrs. Harry G. Ford)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

Greetings, Counterparts!

To all my counterparts—local, association, and state—a very special greeting! Some have recently been elected to the chairmanship of Special Interest Missionaries. We welcome you to this important and stimulating part of our over-all program for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

"Getting to Know You"

The time required for attendance at the meetings of the American Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, and at the National Women's Conference, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, was expanded to include happy vacation days for the Ford family.

As we entered each state on our motor trip, I referred to the *Directory* of the National Council of American Baptist Women to learn whether or not it would be possible to get in touch with our state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. I was able to see several state chairmen and it was indeed a happy experience for me to meet them in person.

During the American Baptist Convention and at the National Women's Conference, I also met several chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries. Consequently, this year my correspondence with those whom I have met personally will be increased, and I shall hope that any chairman of Special Interest Missionaries who is traveling near my home in Exeter, New Hampshire, will get in touch with me.

For each of you I covet the great privilege and opportunity of attending the American Baptist Convention and the National Women's Conference. Meeting on Woman's Day, and in our division of Missions luncheon, as well as in our division conferences at the National Women's Conference lifted our sights as we entered another year of service through our division of Missions which we believe to be important in God's great plan for his world.

Do try to attend the 1962 American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 23-27, and the National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 14-21, 1962.

World Fellowship Offering

One of our responsibilities, as chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries, is to encourage the members of our American Baptist churches to support to the fullest extent the World Fellowship Offering. The theme for the 1961 offering is "Help Heal in His Name." The date for the offering is October 1, 1961. The goal is $475,000.

Included in the packet of materials sent to your Vice-President of Missions is a set of six worship services, suggested for use in circle meetings, Woman's Society meetings, church school classes, and so forth. Don't fail to take advantage of all the helpful material produced for our use in promoting the World Fellowship Offering.

Pen Sketches

Each year because of resignations, retirements, or new appointments *new* special interest missionaries, both home and overseas, are assigned to the states. Don't fail to obtain the pen sketches of your new Specials. Become familiar with the information in these pen sketches at once.

As you know, your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries has the pen sketches of the special interest missionaries assigned to your state. When you order pen sketches, send five cents for each pen sketch of an *overesas* missionary; and five cents for each *single home* missionary, and five cents for each couple serving as *home* missionaries.

Getting Together

Mrs. Dwight Bahr, national chairman of White Cross, and I are requesting that each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries gets together with her state chairman of White Cross during the fall state board meetings to make a list of the names of the missionaries for whom their state is doing White Cross work.

In assigning quotas to each state, the home and foreign mission societies try to assign quotas for the missionaries whom the state has for its special interest missionaries. However, this procedure is not always possible. Therefore, we are requesting each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries to:

→ Learn from her state chairman of White Cross the names of those missionaries—other than the state's special interest missionaries—for whom her state is doing White Cross work this year.

→ Order a supply of pen sketches for these missionaries.

This will enable the women in each state to obtain the desired pen sketches from one person—their state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries.

The state chairman of White Cross will encourage the members of the Woman's Societies to obtain pen sketches of the missionaries for whom they are filling White Cross quotas, in order that they may know something about these missionaries and their fields.

Deep appreciation is expressed to the chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries and to the state chairman of White Cross for working together on this procedure.

Gifts for Home Missionaries

Important! Before sending a gift to your home missionary, it is requested that you write to ascertain what he or she would like to receive. At times money is the most needed, and often is the wisest gift.

Bear in mind that gifts of money to a home missionary should be sent through the treasurer of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Packages to missionaries serving in the United States should be sent to them direct. The sender's name and address should appear on the package. A stamped self-addressed card (no message) should be enclosed in the package for the convenience of the missionary in making acknowledgment. Thoughtfulness in this matter of gifts to missionaries can be of much help. Postage cost in making acknowledgments piles up and quickly becomes a financial burden.

To Nicaragua, El Salvador, Mexico, and Cuba personal gifts should not be sent because of the high duty imposed. Plan to make gifts—other than money—to missionaries from these countries and from Haiti when the missionaries are here in the states.

To Alaska, now one of the fifty states, and to Puerto Rico, postage is the same as that to any destination within the United States of America. There is no duty on gifts sent to Alaska or to Puerto Rico.

Important Announcement from Haiti

An emergency notice has been received from our missionaries in Haiti. They will no longer be permitted to receive relief packages in any form. This announcement comes at a time when the need is critical.

We cannot send packages but we can send money with which our missionaries in Haiti can give help to the people who need it so desperately.

Send your gifts of money to help the Haitian people to the World Relief Committee of the American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Note: These gifts should be marked **"For Haiti Relief."**

The Use of Missionaries' Letters

How do you use the missionaries' letters which you receive from the mission boards? In these letters the missionaries tell of incidents which happen in their daily rounds of carrying out their work. A suggestion has been made that the members of the Woman's Society or of the circles select two or three of the incidents as told in each letter and dramatize them. The contents of the letter will then come alive.

Birthday Party for Specials

Mrs. Gaye Goode, chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in Pineville, West Virginia, planned a missionary program in the form of a birthday party. The *Book of Remembrance* was used. From it missionaries were chosen according to their birth month—one for each month of the year.

The members of the Woman's Society were seated at tables decorated appropriately for the birth month. The missionary chosen for each month was guest of honor in absentia at each table.

Pen sketches and letters telling of the work of each missionary guest were used.

Birthday cards were signed by all present and sent to each of the missionaries with the story regarding this special meeting.

Personal Interest Means Much

Personal interest shown by church members means much to our missionaries and to their families. One of our missionaries, home from the Congo, was speaking to a young adult class which had adopted him and his family. The members of the class had not known this family previous to the adoption. However, through the pen sketches, the mimeographed letters sent periodically by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, and through personal correspondence, this church school class developed a strong personal interest in this missionary family.

On behalf of his family, the missionary indicated what it had meant to every member of the family to have the interest of this young adult class. He told them about the Christmas box, with individually wrapped gifts for each member of the family, sent by the class. He mentioned, too, that it was the only Christmas remembrance which arrived before Christmas.

Our missionaries need our personal interest. Let us always be thoughtful of them, remembering them in our prayers and with the gifts which they have indicated to us will fill a need and will be meaningful! Let us be sure that our remembrances are mailed on time to arrive for the special occasion for which they are intended.

A Gift Suggestion

One of our young missionaries told me at the American Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, that she would have appreciated greatly receiving the current mission study books with their study guides. It would have helped her to have had this background information when she returned home on furlough and visited in our churches and attended meetings of Woman's Societies.

Is this not a good idea to keep in mind and upon which to act? Write to your Special about this.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Cora Sparrowk (Mrs. John Sparrowk)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 302 Montair Drive, Danville, California

"Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord."

Many Vice-Presidents of Christian Service have emerged from the pages of print and have become living personalities because we met in Portland, Oregon, and at Green Lake, Wisconsin, during the past months. What a joy and inspiration you have been to me as we have shared our mutual concerns! From the bottom of my heart I say, "Thanks for being you, just the way you are."

Try a Filmstrip

Have you used a filmstrip to present the work of our division?

"We've a Story to Tell" is a filmstrip regarding a seminary student who is studying to become a missionary. This is an inspiring story of a tour to American Baptist missions at home and overseas and it presents the work of White Cross and the Love Gift.

Your society, no doubt, will wish to purchase this filmstrip. "We've a Story to Tell" is in color and can be ordered with a manuscript from your nearest Baptist Film Library.[1] Price, $5.00.

"Builders Are We"

"Builders Are We" is the title of the presentation which was given by the division of Christian Service to the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women at the annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, June 13, 1961.

As the reports are given by the members of the division a church is constructed: the foundation is the Love Gift; the walls are White Cross; the roof, Christian Social Relations; and the spire is represented by the Vice-President.

If you wish a copy of "Builders Are We," write to me and enclose ten cents for each copy.

There is a constant call for new ideas and ways of presenting the work of the division. Why not share your thoughts with us that we may share them with others?

Guild of Intercessors

Each year brings new members to the division of Christian Service to assume the responsibilities of this division. We find it important, therefore, to review periodically some of our work.

The Guild of Intercessors was organized to draw into a praying fellowship women who are shut-ins within our church family. Prayer must undergird all of our efforts in our work for God and these women who are unable to attend meetings, can carry on a most important ministry through intercessory prayer.

Each church should endeavor to have such a praying group. To date, 495 Guilds of Intercessors have been reported in American Baptist churches.

Refer to The American Baptist Woman, winter issue, January, 1961, for further details regarding this area of our work.

Circles

My dictionary reveals many definitions for the word "circle," but this is the one I like best: "a number of persons or things united by a common bond." When we think of circles we think also of Christian Service, for it is in the circles that most of the work of this division is carried out.

As we consider programs and activities for circle meetings we realize that every word which follows is written with the circle in mind.

The programs must inform and challenge the women to meet the needs before us. If the programs do inform and challenge, we know that in Christian love the members of the circle will be compelled to respond.

As a means of keeping idle hands busy during circle meetings, may we suggest that you mend the used clothing, sew the cut garments you have ordered through Church World Service, or knit a sweater for Hong Kong. You could even trim around the canceled stamps you have collected. Above all, make the time spent at the circle meeting count.

People Are Asking . . .

What About Canceled Stamps?

The missionary project—the stamp-saving drive for orphans—has been recognized by the German Baptist Assembly in public as an official project with the purpose of helping orphaned children in Germany.

Each and every stamp can be used whether it has been postmarked or not. Be sure to leave a margin of about one inch around the stamp. This is important because the stamps are useless if the perforated sides are damaged.

[1] Baptist Film Libraries: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2855 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley 5, California.

Children in the Home at Obermuhle

Packages must not exceed a gross weight of four pounds. Duty must be paid on heavier packages.

Stamps should be mailed to Alfred Zerpner, (16) Kassel 1, Postfach, West Germany.

An orphanage is maintained at Bensheim-Auerbach where there are 50 children, and in the Home at Obermuhle where there are 20 orphans. Care is given to 300 other children who are living with families.

Remember these orphaned children, pray for this work among them, and continue to collect stamps.

"I Was Naked and You Clothed Me, . . ."

Fifteen million pounds of clothing is the current request of Church World Service to meet urgent needs through the United Clothing Appeal of the churches. This means we must double our effort of last year. Wherever possible, it is recommended that churches carry on their own local church drive simultaneously with those of other churches in the same area.

Each of the Centers offers some regular trucking service. Before you publicize your drive, contact the Center [2] for information and schedule. Send eight cents per pound to cover cost of processing.

→ What items are most urgently needed?

Men's and boys' clothing—especially suits, trousers, and good work clothes.

Blankets—needed especially for refugees who have lost everything in disasters.

Light clothing—for needy persons in warm climates.

Yard goods and yarn—needed to help refugees in becoming self-sufficient.

Contact your Center for further information about sewing, health-aid, medical kits, and also friendship.

→ What helps are available?

Clothing leaflets and publicity materials may be obtained from the World Relief Committee of the American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

A new motion picture, "Hunger," will be released in December, 1961, and will provide helpful background data.[2]

At present "The Long Stride," a 28½-minute, black and white sound film, is available.[2]

In addition, a set of nine filmstrips with accompanying records may be used for Interpretation purposes.[2]

[2] Church World Service Centers: 637 West 125th Street, New York 27, New York; New Windsor, Maryland; Main Street, Nappanee, Indiana; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 3, Missouri; 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, California.

". . . I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food, . . ."

A miracle of Christian sharing, of Christian compassion, and of Christian witness is portrayed as we send gifts of money to help in the Share Our Surplus program.

In SOS Sharing . . .

"$5 . . . will give bread to 4,500 needy persons.

"$10 . . . will put bowls of cereal in the hands of more than 30,000 hungry children.

"$100 . . . will care for the cost of providing a cupful of milk for each of approximately three-quarters of a million of the world's undernourished."

Gifts to further this program should be sent to the World Relief Committee, American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Sweaters, Sweaters, and More Sweaters!

"How can we ever thank you?" writes Mrs. Elbert Gates. "Such response warms our hearts, and we rejoice in being able to act as a channel between you and thousands of needy people."

There is need in Hong Kong for as many sweaters as American Baptist women can send. Wool sweaters, new or used in any size or color, can be mailed to Mrs. Gates at 11-B Cambridge Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. There is no duty charge. Send them before, on, or as soon after September 15 as possible.

Many groups are finding a response on the part of department stores to sell their discontinued lines at a minimum cost. Other groups knit sweaters. Why not take the sweaters to a circle or Woman's Society meeting and center your program on our Baptist work in Hong Kong?

Division News

→ Watch for an exciting Love Gift leaflet.

→ "Know your A, B, C's and then Divide" is a new guide for use by state and association chairmen of White Cross. "The Roving Reporter" and "A White Cross Parable" are new dedication services to make your White Cross more meaningful.

→ Use the new manual for chairmen of Christian Social Relations. It is called *A Christian Social Relations Mosaic.* Twenty-two areas of concern are included in this booklet with suggested activities for the Woman's Society and the business and professional women's group. Order your copy immediately from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 25 cents.

In Memoriam

The sympathy of the Division of Christian Service is expressed to the families of Mrs. Truman Ball and Miss Estelle Marlin.

It was with sadness that the Division learned of the tragic automobile accident which took the lives of Mrs. Truman Ball, West Virginia State Vice-President of Christian Service, and Miss Estelle Marlin, missionary in Kodiak, Alaska, on July 17, 1961.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Margaret Darling (Mrs. George R. Darling)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: Route 7, Marion, Ohio

The Chairman Has Nothing to Do!

Chairmen are certainly a fortunate lot! As everyone in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society knows, the chairman has nothing to do: nothing except to decide what is to be done; how it is to be done; and by whom it is to be done!

The chairman listens to reasons why something should not be done; why it should be done by somebody else; or why it should be done in a different way!

The chairman follows up to see whether something has been done, to discover that it has not. She inquires why it has not been done; listens to excuses from the person who should have done it and did not. Then she follows up a second time to see if it has been done, to discover that it has been done but incorrectly. She points out how it should have been done and then concludes that as long as it has been done at all it might as well be left as it is!

The chairman wonders whether it is not time for her to throw up her hands and quit, but then she sits back to reflect that the person at fault probably did the best she could and someone else might have done it even worse. She thinks how much simpler and better the whole thing would have been had she done it herself in the first place! She realizes that had she done it, it would have taken only twenty minutes to do it correctly. As things turned out she spent two days trying to find out why it had taken somebody else two weeks to do it all wrong.

Yes, chairmen are a fortunate lot—and aren't we delighted that we are chairmen of Love Gift?

Are *Planned* Gifts Love Gifts?

It is not considered good taste to talk about one's self, I know, but I happen to know more about myself than I know about almost anyone else. So please pardon the personal illustration which I offer, hoping that it will clear up the frequent and widespread misunderstanding about goals for Love Gift.

We have three children, a son and two daughters, who are married and have families. When our children were young it was no problem—even in the midst of the depression—to buy nice Christmas gifts for them. The three children multiplied to six—still not too much of a problem at Christmas time. Finally the six multiplied to fourteen—and that was a problem. Something needed to be done about the situation.

The banks in our city have Christmas Savings Clubs. This we decided was the answer to our problem. Each month we deposit a certain amount in this account. Each month we have a thrill in anticipating our ability to give our loved ones something extra special at Christmas time. Now because we have seen the need for *planned* giving are our gifts less *loving*? Are these not truly love gifts?

In 1932 when the idea of what is now known as Love Gift was conceived, our Baptist family was considerably smaller. As we grew and multiplied the need for planned gifts became increasingly necessary. Does our goal make our gifts less loving? No! These planned gifts are truly our Love Gifts.

Love Gift Honor Roll

States Reporting Regularly

Arizona	Nebraska
California—Northern	Nevada
California—Southern	New Hampshire
Colorado	New York
Connecticut	North Dakota
Idaho	Ohio
Illinois	Oregon
Indiana	Pennsylvania
Kansas	South Dakota
Massachusetts	Utah
Michigan	Washington
Minnesota	West Virginia
Missouri	Wisconsin

Wyoming

There is only one requirement necessary for a state to be included in the National Love Gift Honor Roll: the state chairman must send a report each month to the national chairman of Love Gift. The report does not necessarily need to be complete—simply a report once a month each month. That's all!

Chairmen!

You will notice, as you study the annual report on the following page, that in 1960 Love Gifts amounting to $6,548 were received by state chairmen too late to be included in the 1960 report. The Love Gift year ends with the calendar year December 31, which is also the end of the denomination's fiscal year.

Let us at once resolve to make the 1961 report a complete report!

Report of the Women's Love Gift for 1960

State	Number of Active Women [1]	1959 Gift	1960 Gift	Per Capita Giving †
Arizona	1,448	$3,827.26	$4,007.31	$2.77
California, Northern	10,938	22,750.54	23,847.16	2.18
California, Southern	14,903	82,304.10	85,000.00	5.71*
Colorado	4,168	11,711.17	12,902.65	3.10
Connecticut	2,538	6,875.72	7,249.38	2.88
Delaware	313	1,590.06	1,592.35	5.09*
District of Columbia	5,057	15,322.36	10,348.30	2.07
Idaho	1,486	3,142.41	3,323.45	2.24
Illinois	13,445	34,059.83	35,625.19	2.65
Indiana	15,020	30,808.96	31,324.27	2.09
Iowa	7,233	18,403.60	18,550.15	2.57
Kansas	10,751	35,668.14	34,854.12	3.25
Maine	2,992	11,392.33	11,645.78	3.90
Massachusetts	15,000	20,417.55	21,916.59	1.47
Michigan	10,238	20,027.57	17,855.45	1.75
Minnesota	1,754	8,299.56	7,885.70	4.50*
Missouri	1,939	1,644.92	1,363.71	.71
Montana	1,144	2,550.32	2,400.33	2.10
Nebraska	3,312	8,869.57	9,066.63	2.78
Nevada	415	2,147.59	2,109.39	5.09*
New Hampshire	1,245	3,013.49	2,806.43	2.25
New Jersey	7,335	16,692.42	16,403.86	2.24
New York	19,520	32,367.92	30,192.64	1.55
North Dakota	706	2,125.15	2,201.68	3.12
Ohio	14,682	40,795.53	40,177.67	2.74
Oregon	2,501	4,775.61	4,777.04	1.92
Pennsylvania	15,998	43,870.04	43,857.60	2.74
Rhode Island	2,537	7,221.32	7,108.09	2.80
South Dakota	1,630	3,986.24	4,145.64	2.55
Utah	540	1,811.19	1,781.19	3.30
Vermont	1,210	1,537.58	1,802.61	1.58
Washington	6,943	16,091.62	16,633.40	2.40
West Virginia	11,166	47,094.04	49,486.27	4.44*
Wisconsin	3,709	6,238.20	7,007.52	1.90
Wyoming	956	2,752.20	2,808.26	2.94
Oklahoma	.....	76.68	56.71	....
Total	214,772	$572,262.23	$574,114.52	$2.78
Love Gift Offering, Woman's Day		1,029.38	989.72	
Grand total of Love Gift		$573,291.61	$575,104.24	
Reported too late to be included			6,548.00	

*The five states with highest per capita giving:

Southern California	$5.71
Delaware	5.09
Nevada	5.09
Minnesota	4.50
West Virginia	4.44

† Upon the request of the state presidents, it was voted at the 1959 September meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women to report Love Gift giving of the states on the per capita basis. The per capita figures are determined by using the number of active women reported to the national president by the state president and the amount of Love Gift reported to the national chairman of Love Gift by the state chairman of Love Gift.

[1] Number of active women as shown by reports sent by state presidents to the national president.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: Dorothy Bahr (Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr)
National Chairman of White Cross
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 611 North Grand Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Ahoy New Chairmen!

Welcome aboard the mercy ship White Cross! You, together with our more experienced crew, have a great tradition to live up to as we start our voyage into a new year.

In May, 1961, as we logged the 1960-1961 trip, twenty states had completed their quotas. Boxes to the fields totaled 20,622; and the cost of materials, postage, money sent for purchases, and so forth, all put White Cross into the realm of big business. Hats off to the past crew! Coats off for the new crew!

Quotas Are Launched

Your quotas are now launched. Each church has received its assignment, and has carefully considered whether its quota is large enough to challenge the society, too large to complete, or just right.

Have you sent a card to your counterpart telling her of your decision in regard to filling the quota? Do you perhaps print the quota in the program booklet of your society?

Now let's plan for that first, important work meeting!

→ Attract new workers. Training new helpers results in more interest in missions. Let's share White Cross.

→ Use pen sketches for each missionary to whom boxes are sent.

Each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries has the pen sketches for the Specials assigned to her state.

Each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries confers with her state chairman of White Cross and requests a list of names of the missionaries on White Cross quotas. She orders pen sketches for these missionaries in addition to the state Specials.

Send five cents for each pen sketch you request from your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries.

→ Plan the work well in advance.

1. Know in detail how each item is made. Consult the "Manual" as well as Overland and Overseas Bulletins.

2. Divide assignments giving consideration to the number of women expected and to the space which is available.

3. Direct the thinking toward White Cross areas. Begin the meeting with prayer for the missionary and for the field where she is serving. Request a member to read letters from missionaries, which may be found in Overland or Overseas Bulletins, or may have been received by direct mail. Sometimes an interesting missionary book may be read aloud. When a guided program is planned the mind is stimulated while the hands are busy.

4. Display the finished quota, and have a dedication service either at a society meeting or perhaps in connection with the morning worship service, after consulting the minister.

Take Care! Doctors and Nurses at Work!

By Alice Sharp [1]

Your medical missionaries greatly appreciate White Cross supplies which have been carefully made. The time and care you exert in rolling and folding surgical dressings, in following directions for tying squares and marking garments, saves your medical missionaries precious time in the care of the sick. The following suggestions may be pointed out to White Cross workers as you make plans for filling your quotas.

1. Bandages made of old cotton strips which have been loosely basted together may come apart while being used. This means that a doctor or nurse may have to remove a bandage from a patient and select another before completing a dressing.

Suggestion: Sew strips of muslin together carefully lapping one edge over the other and stitching them together firmly. Strips sewed by machine are especially strong. Roll bandages evenly; remove all loose threads.

2. Danger—loose threads! Gauze sponges and compresses are used in surgery and *must* be completely free of loose threads. Those which are improperly folded, with loose threads dangling, must be set aside by nurses to be refolded when time permits.

Suggestion: Fold gauze sponges and compresses carefully. As you fold, pick off loose threads. Inspect the finished product from all angles to make sure no threads are exposed.

3. Surgeons' gowns require tight-knitted cuffs. Gowns on which the cuffs have lost their elasticity may have to be set aside until new cuffs can be secured, when the gowns may again be put to use.

Suggestion: When making surgeons' gowns be certain to attach cuffs that are of a good, sturdy quality

[1] Mrs. F. A. Sharp, staff assistant, Department of Public Relations, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies; in charge of White Cross for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

cotton which will withstand frequent laundering and sterilizing. Poor quality cuffs stretch out of shape after only a few launderings. Most department stores carry a good line of wristlets which may be used on surgeons' gowns.

4. Stacking and Tying: When stacking old muslin squares, line up the edges carefully. Tie firmly with string in packages of fifty. Be accurate in counting.

Additional Suggestions:

1. Patchwork pieces should be tied in bundles of five hundred. Be accurate. Stack neatly. Tie firmly.

2. Label the size of each garment. On a 1½ x 1½ inch square of white cloth, with a ball-point pen, write the size of the garment in figures which stand one inch high. Baste the square to the back of the neck of the garment. Proper sizing assists the packer and the missionary.

A Booklet of Devotion

How is devotion measured? Is it seen as we look at an individual? Or does it need a span of years to learn of the continuing loyalty and interest given through an avenue of service?

As your national chairman of White Cross studied her reports and charts, she was impressed with how many women had made it possible to witness through White Cross during the 1960-1961 program year. She pictured these women who had worked with their hands during many years, and she wondered whether there might be a sufficient number of names of women who had served for twenty-five years to fill one printed page in The American Baptist Woman.

Oh me of little vision! Oh you of mighty work!

White Cross has been made great because so many women have given so much in time, effort, planning, patience, and devotion, not only for twenty-five—but for thirty-to-forty years!

In the spring issue of The American Baptist Woman the request appeared for the names of all women who had worked on White Cross quotas for twenty-five or more years.

The mailman delivered the first lists to the home of your national chairman in May. By July 28—the deadline for sending copy for The American Baptist Woman to the printer—over four thousand names had been received! Calculating as closely as possible, it would require one page in every issue of The American Baptist Woman for the next seven years in order to print all names! Obviously this is not the medium for such an imposing Honor Roll!

Therefore, the individual names which you have entrusted to your national chairman will be compiled in *A Booklet of Devotion*, a separate roll of honor, which will be proudly placed in the new offices of the National Council of American Baptist Women, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Your national chairman is awed and humbled at the evidence of this immeasurable devotion.

Recognition by States

In the following column is a listing by states of the number of women whose service to White Cross, as reported, has covered twenty-five or more years.

There is time to include additional names in *A Booklet of Devotion*, if these names are sent to your state chairman of White Cross prior to November 1, 1961.

Regarding the states from which no names were received, shall we assume that the members of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, who have given Service to White Cross are too young to be included in this White Cross Honor Roll?

White Cross Honor Roll

Number of women who have given service for twenty-five or more years in filling the needs specified in White Cross quotas, as reported by twenty-two states.

California	20
Colorado	246
Connecticut	241
District of Columbia	11
Idaho	53
Indiana	872
Kansas	675
Maine	35
Massachusetts	97
Michigan	70
Minnesota	95
Missouri	51
Nebraska	487
New Jersey	20
New York	6
North Dakota	119
Ohio	446
Pennsylvania	22
Rhode Island	24
Washington	79
West Virginia	573
Wisconsin	185
Total number of women who have given twenty-five or more years of service, through White Cross	4,427

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: Olive Tiller (Mrs. Carl W. Tiller)
National Chairman of Christian Social Relations
Department of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2418—59th Place, Cheverly, Maryland

UNICEF

These five letters designate the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Through this fund international assistance is given to governments for the improvement of child welfare by providing medicines, materials, and training facilities in more than one hundred countries. Countries receiving aid provide an average of $2.50 in money or in manpower for every UNICEF dollar they receive. Our support of this project is needed.

In 1960, through UNICEF daily milk rations reached 5,346,000 children and mothers in 72 countries; 1,771,200 children were treated for trachoma and related eye diseases; almost two million children and mothers were cured of yaws; nearly thirty million children and mothers were protected against malaria; and fifteen million children were vaccinated against tuberculosis.

UNICEF is aided by several projects in which women can participate, such as:

→ UNICEF Halloween, or Trick or Treat for UNICEF. In this program, fun for community children is combined with help for children everywhere. In 1960, two-and-a-half million children collected small coins totaling $1,750,000 to help fifty-five million needy children and mothers. There remain, however, seven-hundred-and-fifty million children—three out of every four in the world—who are living in developing areas where help is still needed.

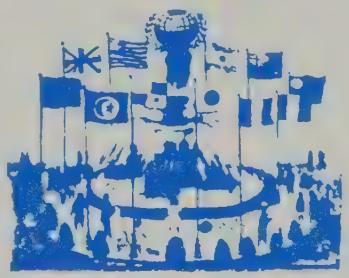
For information and materials on how to sponsor a UNICEF Halloween in your community, write to the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, Box 1618, Church Street Station, New York 8, New York. A descriptive brochure is free. A Planning Kit is priced at one dollar.

UNICEF is also aided through the sale and the use of certain items, such as:

→ "The Children Come Running," a delightful book, containing tales of far-away lands. It is a 96-page, hard-cover book with 54 full-color illustrations, offering pleasant reading to young and old alike. Order from U. S. Committee for UNICEF.[1] Price, $2.95.

→ "Hi, NEIGHBOR," a series of books and records for children, with stories, games, crafts, songs, and dances of many lands. Book four in this series has been published recently. It includes Guinea, India, Iran, Mexico, and Poland. Order from U. S. Committee for UNICEF.[1] Price, $1.50.

→ UNICEF Notes and Christmas Cards. Holiday greeting cards have been available for several years. In addition, all-purpose UNICEF Notes, appropriate for thank-you notes, invitations, and small gift cards are now for sale. Among the designs which may be ordered for *note paper* are: Fountain of Peace (No. 103); Children and Birds (No. 101); and United Nations Headquarters (No. 401). The following designs may be ordered for either note paper or Christmas cards: Los Ninos (No. 201); and Tales of Many Lands (No. 202). Order from the U. S. Committee for UNICEF.[1] Price, $1.25 per box of ten cards or notes with envelopes.



Fountain of Peace

Los Ninos

Change in Name

In the reorganization of the American Baptist Convention, voted in Portland, Oregon, in June, 1961, the Council on Christian Social Progress became the Division of Christian Social Concern. The title has been changed but the concerns remain the same.

The office for the Division of Christian Social Concern will be located at 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, until the spring of 1962, when the address will change to: Division of Christian Social Concern, American Baptist Convention, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

New Literature

→ *A Christian Social Relations Mosaic* is the title of the new manual for chairmen of Christian Social Relations.

[1] U. S. Committee for UNICEF, P. O. Box 22, Church Street Station, New York 8, New York.

This manual contains suggestions for activities and resource materials in 22 different areas of concern. There are 134 suggestions for members of Women's Baptist Mission Societies to carry out in social relations, plus an additional 61 suggestions for members of business and professional women's groups. Seventy-four resource materials are listed; and instructions for writing letters to Congressmen are included.

A Christian Social Relations Mosaic is a valuable tool to be used in planning the year's work in Christian Social Relations. It is available at your nearest American Baptist bookstore.[2] Price, 25 cents.

→ The new edition of *Register Christian Opinion* is available. *Register Christian Opinion* is a pocket-sized Congressional directory, giving names, political and religious affiliations, and committee assignments of all members of Congress. It is almost indispensable for the Christian who is willing to make his voice heard on pending legislation. Order from the Division of Christian Social Concern, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 10 cents.

→ The September, 1961, issue of *Social Action* is devoted entirely to the theme, "The Family and Rapid Social Change." This subject is to be the co-ordinated emphasis of the National Council of Churches for 1961-1962, and will be studied in churches throughout the country. The magazine, *Social Action,* is a publication of the Council on Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ, and may be ordered from that Council at 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, New York. Price, 25 cents.

Dates and Events—1961 and 1962

In 1961:

October 23-27..... Second National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare, Cleveland, Ohio. Sponsored by the Division of Social Welfare of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

November 6-8..... United Nations Seminar. A program sponsored jointly by the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the National Baptist Convention through their respective agencies.

In 1962:

February 27-March 2..... Washington Churchmen's Seminar, Washington, D. C.

March 4-9..... Baptist Youth Fellowship Citizenship Seminar, in Washington, D. C., and at the United Nations.

For further information on any of the above conferences and seminars, write to the Division of Christian Social Concern, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

World Community Day

"Freedom to Know" is the theme for World Community Day, held on the first Friday in November each year and sponsored by United Church Women. The date this year is November 3. The book for study is *Education, Women and the Church in the Americas,* by Esther W. Hymer.

The offering received at the various observances of World Community Day "will help to train women in adult education, either in their own or other countries, and it will provide workers for newly established programs planned by the churches in Brazil, Chile, and Peru." Material aid in the form of school bags, basic school supplies, and simple school outfits for children will be assembled for distribution in Latin America.

For the school outfits, follow any simple pattern for a child's dress or suit, size five to eight years. Make the outfits of new or used strong, firm material. Do not put hems in suits or dresses. There is a special need in the Caribbean area for boys' cotton top shirts and shorts.

For the school bags: Size and material may vary; eight inch by twelve inch with flap and fastener is the most useful. Shoulder strap attached at each side should be about three feet long. The following supplies should be packed carefully in the bag: six pencils, two erasers, one box of crayons, two pads of paper, one pair of blunt-pointed scissors.

If you cannot attend a service on World Community Day, send your material aid (clothing and supplies) to the nearest Church World Service Center:[3]

Eight cents for each pound of your material aid should be sent to United Church Women, Box 327, Madison Square Garden, New York 10, New York. Cash offerings may also be sent to the same address. Important: Do not send money to the Church World Service Center.

Baptist Jubilee Advance—Fourth Year

1962-1963

The leadership training emphasis for women in 1962-1963 will be in the area of Christian Social Relations, and will relate to the theme of the fourth year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, "Mission to the Social Frontier." It is a program of interpersonal relationships, called IF (Intergroup Friendships).

A pilot group experimented with the preliminary Guide at the National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, in July, 1961. As a result of the work of that group, revisions are being made in the guide. Finished materials will be ready by January, 1962.

It is suggested that the materials be introduced to state officers and chairmen at or before the 1962 state house party, and that the program be put into use in the churches for the 1962-1963 program year.

Convention Resolutions

Order printed copies of the 1961 American Baptist Convention Resolutions from the Division of Christian Social Concern, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, $1.00 per 100 copies.

[2] American Baptist Bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

[3] Church World Service Centers: 637 West 125th Street, New York 27, New York; New Windsor, Maryland; Main Street, Nappanee, Indiana; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 3, Missouri; 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, California.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: Olga Bell (Mrs. Ivan B. Bell)
National Vice-President of Christian Training
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 51 West Olive Avenue, Redlands, California

Baptist Missionary Training School Looks Forward!

Are the women of your Woman's Baptist Mission Society asking questions about the future of the Baptist Missionary Training School? Are they wondering why the school is moving from Chicago, Illinois, and seeking to become affiliated with an accredited seminary? Are they inquiring about the need to support the scholarship program for Baptist Missionary Training School students?

These and other questions can and should be answered. For this reason we are providing some of the answers given by the president, Dr. Pearl Rosser, and the assistant to the president, Mrs. Milo E. Wenger.

Dr. Pearl Rosser

Early Beginnings

When the Baptist Missionary Training School was organized over eighty years ago, little education was required for missionary service. Three to six months' training sufficed. As more emphasis was placed on the importance of education, the course of study at the Baptist Missionary Training School was extended to two years, then to three, and finally to four years.

Graduate Study

Not only did the school become aware of the increased need for a longer period of education, but this requirement became evident in the standards set by churches and the mission boards of the American Baptist Convention.

Today it is clear that girls entering church-related vocations must prepare themselves for service through graduate study.

Accreditation

Further, accreditation of the school became imperative because high school vocational counselors placed great stress on the importance of young people attending accredited schools.

In order for the Baptist Missionary Training School to acquire accreditation, certain standards in enrollment, facilities, salaries, and faculty personnel had to be met. As the faculty and board of directors of the Baptist Missionary Training School faced this situation they realized that they would be unable to meet accreditation requirements, which, in turn would result in a smaller student body and an increased cost of operation.

At the present time the Baptist Missionary Training School is seeking to relate itself to an accredited seminary which sees the need to strengthen its curriculum for women. Watch for this further development.

Present Student Body

Members of the present student body were free to choose the school to which they transferred. The majority of the girls chose Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. One of the faculty members from the Baptist Missionary Training School went with the group to Alderson-Broaddus College as counselor and teacher.

Continuing Scholarship Aid

It is our hope that states which have granted scholarships to these girls who were at the Baptist Missionary Training School will continue to give assistance to them through their undergraduate study. We suggest that scholarship aid does not stop at the undergraduate level but that it be continued as these girls go on to seminary.

We shall want to be ever mindful of girls who feel that God has called them to a church-related vocation. Let us assist them in both undergraduate and graduate schools!

As you have opportunity, help the women of your church to recognize the advance made by the faculty and the board of directors of the Baptist Missionary Training School. Their action is an honest endeavor to be good stewards and to provide the best in leadership for the church of Jesus Christ.

Your Circle Counterparts

Is your Woman's Baptist Mission Society organized into circles? If so, our division of Christian Training in the Woman's Society has a counterpart in each circle. She is the chairman of Christian Training.

The Magic Circle[1] indicates that the circle's counterpart for the division of Christian Training in the Woman's Society is known as the chairman of Christian Training. She is responsible for interpreting and promoting to the circle members all emphases relating to spiritual life, family life education, and leadership training, as well as the emphases of the Vice-President of Christian Training.

If the circle should feel that there is need for more than one person to carry the division's emphases, one or more assistants could be selected; however, the chairman of Christian Training would be the contact person between the circle and the division.

The Importance of Circle Counterparts

There are two important reasons for urging each circle to have a counterpart for each division:

→ 1. By inviting the circle chairmen of Christian Training to attend the division meetings, the division of Christian Training is able to reach more women with pertinent information. All circle counterparts are asked to relay information to their circle members, thereby enlarging the number of women who are kept informed.

→ 2. By working closely with the division of Christian Training, the chairmen of Christian Training themselves receive additional training; thereby becoming better prepared to assume greater roles of responsibility in the society. A transition from circle to society responsibility can be made more easily.

If your division has not met with circle chairmen of Christian Training, plan today for such a meeting. It will bring surprising results in better understanding of, and greater effectiveness in the work of the division of Christian Training.

Planning the Right Education Program
For Our Sons and Daughters

PREP Program

Order all materials from your state convention or city society office. Materials will be available after October 1, 1961.

For an effective PREP program, the following items are required:

→ **Pamphlets . . .**

"Time for College." One copy for each family that is *invited* to the program. Price, 5 cents per copy.

"Becoming the Parent of a College Student." One copy for each family that *attends* the program. Price, 10 cents per copy.

→ **Filmstrip . . .**

"How to Visit a College Campus." Price, $5.00.

NOTE: Please do not order the pamphlets from the State Vice-President of Christian Training. She will be obliged to forward your order to the state convention or city society office. This will delay delivery.

Are You Prepared for PREP?

• Have you called the PREP Planning Committee together?

The Planning Committee includes the Vice-President of Christian Training, the Chairman of Family Life, the Executive Vice-President and the Growth Chairman of the Men's Fellowship, and the Student Counselor.

• Has the PREP Planning Committee studied the PREP program?

The program is Number 10 in the Program Packet. It is entitled, *To Teach Our Children*—"When and Where."

• Has the PREP Planning Committee set the date for the PREP program?

This program takes the place of the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the Men's Fellowship. It is to be a joint evening meeting. February has been suggested as the month.

• Has the PREP Planning Committee requested a budget amount for the program?

The Woman's Baptist Mission Society, the Men's Fellowship, and the Board of Christian Education share equally in the cost of the pamphlets, filmstrip, and the mailing for the invitation.

• Has the PREP Planning Committee begun to make up the list of names of families who will receive invitations to the PREP program?

The list will include the names of women who are active in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, men who are active in the Men's Fellowship, and parents whose children are in the church school. The number of pamphlets to be ordered is determined when the list of names is completed.

• Is your PREP Planning Committee enthusiastic about the PREP program?

We hope so! Today, in the newspapers and magazines and on radio and television, much emphasis is being placed on the need for higher education. Everyone has some interest in the subject. Here is an opportunity for our church families to begin their planning *now* for the education of their children.

A New Address—A New Opportunity

My husband and I have accepted the call to become the pastor and wife at the First Baptist Church of Redlands. Our address is: 51 West Olive Avenue, Redlands, California.

Should someone from your church be at the University of Redlands, please let us know in order that we may become acquainted with the student. We are particularly anxious to strengthen the relationship of our church to Baptist students who are at the University of Redlands.

[1] Order from American Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri. Price, 35 cents.

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: Mildred Kreager (Mrs. A. Paul Kreager)
National Chairman of Spiritual Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 4349 Crawford Drive, Madison 5, Wisconsin

The First Decade

We had a birthday celebration—complete with party and cake! The date was June 14, 1961. The place was Portland, Oregon. The National Council of American Baptist Women is now ten years old.

With the completion of the first decade we are taking a good look at ourselves to see whether there are wrinkles that mean ruts or lines that indicate experience and wisdom.

Have the dreams of our former officers and chairmen been realized? Mrs. Walter Schultz, national chairman of Spiritual Life from 1956-1959, shares her dream.

"It was my dream," states Mrs. Schultz, . . .

. . . "that many more of us might come into a personal encounter with the Living Christ;

. . . that we might regularly seek God's will in prayer, listening for and expecting his answer;

. . . that we might be eager to read the Bible daily; and

. . . that we might constantly become more mature as Christians and discipline ourselves to be Christlike in all relationships.

"I feel," continues Mrs. Schultz, "that this dream is being realized. Some indications of it are the increasing number of depth Bible study groups; the answers to prayer received by individuals and groups; the widening concerns of our women for helping others around the world; the winning of more young women to loving service for our Lord; and the increase in the loyalty of larger numbers of women.

"My prediction is that a new vitality will sweep through our churches as a result of the deepening and maturing spiritual life of our women."

The Long Look

Too often "we want to by-pass the process and transplant the results."

The word *discipline* is emerging from the cloakroom for naughty children into the bright light of this day that the Lord has made. Mature women accept the discipline of work, worship, and study, bringing to God their minds, hearts, and souls ordered and obedient to his will.

Personal Discipline

We strengthen our spiritual lives by disciplined Bible study and by prayer and meditation. Help the members of your Woman's Society to recognize the value of such discipline in their lives. Suggest books to read, meditations to follow, Bible studies which will help in understanding the message for these days.

Books are recommended for shut-ins, employed women who may be wives and mothers, the single person, the retired couple, the civic-minded woman, the newly-married, the families, the young adult, and the student. Send ten cents for the list of titles of books compiled from suggestions you have sent to me.

Please continue to send me information regarding other books and materials that you have found to be especially helpful.

Third Year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance

Be alert, chairmen of Spiritual Life, to the urgency of the third year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance: "Vocation of the Church: Witness in the World."

Evangelism is the consistent expression of the whole life of the church. The Interpretation Committee, of which the chairman of Spiritual Life is a member, has the opportunity to interpret the meaning of witness in the world as the vocation of the church. Have you received your copy of the "Guide for the Baptist Jubilee Advance—Third Year Committee"? Pages 6-9 of the "Guide" give instructions especially for the chairman of Spiritual Life. This "Guide" may be ordered from the Division of Evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 20 cents.

If we believe that our world is God's world, what are we doing to prove our belief? Evening circles, as well as day-time circles, can form study groups that come to grips with problems and questions the world asks Christians and that Christians ask themselves. For instance, how do I witness that Christ really is Lord of my life if I am a member of the city council facing the following situation:

A part of my city is in a redevelopment area. Residence and business locations must move. One of the latter is a tavern.

Question: Should I try to find a place suitable for the tavern to relocate?

Question: Should I deprive a man of his livelihood because I know the problems taverns cause?

Question: What is my reaction to the situation if the owner is a member of a minority group?

Question: Should I insist that the owner be given a

new location without regard to his nationality, creed, or race?

QUESTION: As a Christian what are my decisions?

QUESTION: How can the church help me in this situation if it takes seriously Jesus' directive: ". . . as the Father sent me so I send you"?

Depth Bible Study

Depth Bible[1] study has proved its worth as the finest way to study the Bible together. Depth Bible study means that together we find what the Scriptures actually are saying to each of us: not what someone else has written about them.

Following the hour of study, you may very likely want to look up references and background material but first let the Holy Spirit guide you to an understanding.

We Share With All Faiths

American Baptists share with all faiths the impact made through advertising media of every description of the meaning of Religion in American Life. If your church has not as yet joined in the promotion of RIAL, plan now to do so during the fall of 1961.

Use the order form and descriptive information regarding RIAL, which has been sent to all chairmen of Spiritual Life. Send for the packet of helps listed on the RIAL order form.

We Join With Other Baptists

On Friday, December 1, 1961, the Baptist women of the world, through the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, will observe Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

The theme is "Think on These Things."

Sufficient copies of the service for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer have been mailed to each state chairman of Spiritual Life to enable her to send one copy to each local chairman of Spiritual Life through the co-operation of the association chairmen of Spiritual Life. One copy only is available for each church. If additional copies are desired, it is suggested that the local societies have mimeographed copies made.

It is the prayer of the North American Baptist Women's Union—one of the six continental unions of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance — that every Baptist church will observe this prayer fellowship by joining with other Baptist communions wherever possible, and thus becoming more truly the body of Christ.

[1] "Manual for Depth Bible Study," by Mrs. W. Schultz. Price, 25 cents.

Order from American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illionis; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

"Depth and Encounter Study of the Bible," by Dr. Ross Snyder. Order from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 10 cents.

Working With Circle Counterparts

→ Meet with your circle counterparts to suggest ways in which they may make meaningful the devotional period in the circle.

→ Try assigning a Bible verse to members previous to the meeting and propose that they write an interpretation of it in their own words. Suggest sharing this interpretation in the circle meeting, giving one thought that has become clear or one point that has become extremely vital. Suggest also closing this brief period with prayer, possibly joining hands as sentence prayers are offered by each member. Such a devotional period may result in being a memorable one.

→ Share your file of helps, including stories about hymns, poetry, descriptions of paintings, and clippings, with those who have the privilege of leading the members of your Woman's Society or circles into a worship experience. Bear in mind that the worship period lays the foundation for the program.

→ Form a prayer circle with circle counterparts. Meet often. Remember not only each other in prayer but the other women in your church and have them know, as well as the entire membership of your church, that their needs are also your concern in prayer. Your prayer circle might meet in the home of a shut-in.

→ See that each circle receives the prayer calls. Suggest ways to make the prayer calls pertinent.

- Name a missionary who is serving on the home field, which is mentioned in the prayer calls, and also on the overseas field.
- Consider what the request would mean to you had you been the missionary asking for prayer for the particular need mentioned in the prayer call. For instance, October prayer calls request us to pray for those who will be attending women's conferences and house parties in tropical countries. Refer to your *Book of Remembrance* and *Missions* Magazine for information regarding our missionaries in the Philippines and in Thailand. Recall that the 1959 Love Gifts of Baptist women in the Philippines went to the Karens in Thailand. What do you know about the Christian center in Bangkok?
- Make inquiries concerning the problems of Indian-American Christians as they look for work in our cities.
- Find a verse or two to articulate the requests for prayer calls during the month. The Bible Book of the Month for October is Romans.
- Discover how the study of the book of Jeremiah fits in with our responsibility.

Bible Book of the Month

January-May, 1962

JANUARY	1 and 2 Peter, Jude
FEBRUARY	Joshua, Ruth
MARCH	Job
APRIL	2 Corinthians
MAY	Luke

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: Margaret Trimmer (Mrs. Francis W. Trimmer)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Baptist Jubilee Advance . . .

Third Year—1961-1962

Emphasis . . . "Mission to the Unchurched"
Theme . . . . . "Vocation of the Church: Witness in the World"

During the third year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, emphasis is focused upon the training of the Christian to be a witness through his life and work in the world.

"My home is my mission." Let this be the thought of every American Baptist homemaker during this third year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance!

"A major element in the BJA Third Year," as stated in the *Guide* prepared for the Baptist Jubilee Advance Third Year Committee,[1] "is the introduction of a serious attempt to help members of the church fulfill their primary vocation as Christians, to be witnesses in the world where they engage in their most absorbing activities—livelihood, family life, civic responsibilities, leisure. This will be done by gathering groups in conferences and study groups around an occupation or interest they hold in common, and helping them to wrestle with the real issues demanding daily decision in situations where the norm for decision is often something other than acknowledgment of the rule of Christ."

Resource materials are available for use in groups which represent eleven different occupations: engineers, doctors, school teachers, farmers, and others. One workshop, organized for parents, considers the relevance of the gospel to family living.

The resource book for Church in World study groups for parents, *Herein Is Love,* by Reuel Howe, and the leader's guide, by R. Lewis Johnson, may be ordered from your nearest Baptist book store.[2]

[1] Order the *Guide* from the Division of Evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Society, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 20 cents.

[2] Order *Herein Is Love,* price $1.50, and leader's guide, price $0.50, from American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

The chairman of Family Life will want to work with the chairman of Leadership Training and the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee in planning and recruiting parents for study groups,

Family Life Emphases—1961-1962

Wills—Emphasis One

Be creative! Develop unusual one-minute presentations which will bring to the members of your Woman's Society the importance of making a will. Send your suggestions which could be used at society or circle meetings to me for our exhibit next summer at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Here is a suggestion as a starter: A woman enters, carrying a brief case. With solemnity she takes from her case an imposing-looking paper and in an impressive voice reads this important message. *Have you made a will? Everyone owns* something. *Everyone dies and that* something *is left. Everyone can* dispose *of that* something *as she wishes by making a* will. *If she makes no will the state will dispose of her* something *and it may not be done according to her wishes. Make your choice. Which will it be—you or the state?*

Watch magazines for articles on wills. Contact your bank for pamphlets. File all material for display in an attractive set-up at a local, association, or state meeting.

PREP—Emphasis Two

The Countdown Is Now!

Refer to the January, 1961, issue of The American Baptist Woman for details about PREP—Planning the Right Education Program. Now is the time to begin!

Be sure that your Vice-President of Christian Training calls a meeting of the PREP Committee of your church. Make sure that the necessary pamphlets and film, suggested on page 30 of this issue of The American Baptist Woman, are ordered. Refer to the 1961-1962 program packet, "You Are Witnesses," for your instruction for PREP night. Your PREP program is entitled, *To Teach Our Children*—"When and Where."

Remember! Every chairman of Family Life is a member of her church PREP committee. One of the duties assigned to the chairman of Family Life is to contact church families, endeavoring to interest them in attending the PREP night.

Is everything ready for the launching?

Mother's Study Groups—Emphasis Three

There is much going on in the world today to disturb parents and to cause them to question their adequacy for their role as parents. There are many Christian parents who are seeking to improve their skills and understanding of parenthood. They realize that family relationships will benefit if parents keep up with new insights into family living.

Mothers, we are told, furnish 90 per cent of the influence on their children toward the formation of moral and spiritual values. Concern for better guidance on the part of mothers has led to our emphasis number three, *Planned study groups for mothers.* Mother Study Groups are to be sponsored by the chairman of Family Life of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Such groups should be related to the total church program through the Adult Committee of the Board of Education.

A new pamphlet, "Mother's Study Groups," is available by writing to me at my home address, 327 Forest Hill Drive, West Lafayette, Indiana. Please enclose five cents for each copy requested. This pamphlet answers such questions as: Why have a mother's study group? Who should belong? When should it meet? How does it work? What resources are available for study?

North American Conference . . .

On Church and Family

Family Life Education entered a new orbit with the calling of the historic conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, April 30-May 5, 1961. This conference was called by the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. and the Canadian Council of Churches.

The purpose of the conference was fivefold:

→ 1. To clarify the churches' understanding of the fundamental nature of marriage and family life and the distinctive character and responsibility of the Christian family in our culture.

→ 2. To understand the social and psychological factors affecting the formation of marriage and families.

→ 3. To develop a Christian ethic of sexual behavior and to answer convincingly the questions of this generation.

→ 4. To provide clarification regarding moral aspects of the newer developments in family planning.

→ 5. To strengthen the ministry of the church to families as an integral task of the mission of the church through better trained leadership and stronger programs of family life education and counseling.

Your national chairman of Family Life and five state chairmen of Family Life were delegates to this North American Conference on Church and Family.

The delegates to this North American Conference on Church and Family Life, including 649 representatives from 40 denominations and agencies from across the continent, joined in a task that had never before been undertaken. Merging Christian principles with the findings brought to them by the top twelve of America's leading social and medical scientists, they focused attention on the most perplexing problems of church and family life today.

Delegates to the North American Conference on Church and Family are left to right, back row: Mrs. Keith Goss, Michigan; Mrs. Leroy Day, West Virginia; Mrs. George MacDonald, Colorado. Left to right, front row: Mrs. Reuben Gerlitz, Ohio; Mrs. Francis Trimmer, national chairman; Mrs. Duncan McNab, Indiana.

The task was threefold: (1) to review Christian beliefs, ideals, and values as they pertain to sex, marriage, and the family; (2) to listen attentively to the findings of scientists in twelve areas where church and family meet; and (3) to discuss what is implied for the churches in terms of education, curriculum, fellowship, and pronouncements.

The preamble and five of the 15 recommendations presented by the workgroups for the consideration of the conference will be printed in the 1962 winter issue of The American Baptist Woman.

What's New?

Circle leaders and chairmen of Family Life . . .

→ Watch for a new emphasis on family life in all American Baptist publications.

→ Order New Job Analysis Leaflet from your national chairman of Family Life. Price, 5 cents.

→ Request information regarding new films on family life from your Baptist Film Library at 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Holiday Helps

Come to Christmas, Gebhard, 75 cents, and *Holiday and Holy Days,* Gebhard, 75 cents. Order from American Baptist Bookstores.

Christmas Joy. A service for your home. Price, 10 cents. Order from the Department of Adult and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

The Story of Santa Claus. A letter written by a minister to his grandchildren, combining the story of St. Nicholas and the gospel Christmas story. Order from your national chairman of Family Life. Price, 5 cents.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: Clara Cober (Mrs. Kenneth Cober)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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The Magic Circle

Questions . . .

How shall we reach the woman who has only a nominal interest?

How shall we contact the inactive woman or the young woman who may not find what she needs in the larger group?

Answer . . .

The answer is simple: We must help these women to become interested in a meaningful, small group fellowship.

Small Group Fellowships

Is not the circle plan the means by which to develop small group fellowships?

According to the circle plan we divide the number of women in our churches into groups of fifteen active women, and not more than twenty. A group of fifteen to twenty is small enough to meet in a member's home and to provide a maximum of interpersonal relationship. Here in these face-to-face groups the members of the circle are drawn into a warm, vital fellowship.

A Magnet

The magic circle becomes a magnet that attracts many women. The members are brought into a group where they learn a few names; where they may, if they wish, take on a limited amount of leadership.

Finally, through the circle the members are brought into the wider fellowship of the larger organization, the Woman's Society.

Flexibility

There should be considerable flexibility in determining the meeting time for the circles, in order to fit the needs of specific groups.

By 1970, one-half of the women in America will be employed. This will obviously affect the traditional pattern of afternoon meetings for women's groups.

Mothers of young children should also be given special consideration that they too may participate in the fellowship of a circle.

Changes in By-laws

Circles, a part of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, co-operate in the plans and policies of the Woman's Society. When circles are established the by-laws of the Woman's Society should be changed to include a statement of purpose, specific directions for the meetings, membership, duties of chairmen, rotation of membership, and financial structure of the circles.

Circles Are for All Societies . . .

Small, Medium, Large

Yes, circles are also for the society with fewer than twenty-five members. A society that has as many as twenty active members should divide into two circles of ten members each.

Women who are sensitive to the real mission of the church will readily see the value of providing a more intimate fellowship through which new members may become involved and integrated within the church fellowship.

The smaller group affords a favorable opportunity for each person to express herself freely and in which to learn to be more articulate regarding her faith. This is essential in the process of training church women to witness in the world. Unless church women first have the opportunity to speak naturally of their faith and religious concerns in a small group of congenial friends, how shall they learn to express their beliefs to those outside the church?

Qualities of a Christian Group

Some of the characteristics that the circle should possess, if it is to achieve its potential as a Christian fellowship, follow:

→ A warm acceptance of each person in the group.
→ The ability to extend *acceptance* to newcomers.
→ A sensitivity to the needs of others.
→ Concern for each member of the group.
→ The development of a common faith in, and commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ.
→ A sense of the presence of God.
→ The vision to initiate projects undergirded by the motivation of Christian service.
→ A feeling of belonging shared by each member.
→ Common acceptance of Christian standards.

The circle performs its MAGIC through . . .
. . . A Fourfold Purpose
. . . A Well-Planned Procedure
. . . A Variety of Programs

Guide for the Circles in the
Local Woman's Baptist Mission Society

The Purpose of circles is to afford opportunity for:

→ **Fellowship** which is nurtured best in a small group in which each person has a chance to express herself in a face-to-face relationship.
→ **Study, Learning, Discussion, and Reading** which are the means by which the members of the group grow.
→ **Service** which is rendered through the activities of the circles; such as, Church World Service, White Cross ministries, and meeting needs in the community.
→ **Development** of each person within the fellowship. Responsibilities within the smaller group are more readily accepted, and the smaller group also provides opportunities to serve in specific tasks. The smaller group helps to strengthen the spiritual life of its members, and it also stimulates stewardship that gives time and talent as well as treasure.

The Plan

Each circle is a part of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, and supports the plans and policies of the Woman's Society.

Every woman in the church and its constituency is assigned to a circle.

The number of circles is determined by the society and should have fifteen active members, or no more than a total of twenty women, including actives, inactives, car drivers, and shut-ins.

Employed women and mothers of young children of pre-school age may be placed in special groups.

The membership of the circles changes each year to promote acquaintance and fellowship.

The chairman of a circle is selected by the nominating committee of the Woman's Society and becomes a member of the board of managers of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

The president of the society and the wife of the minister should not be assigned to any specific circle. They should be left free to visit all circles during the year.

The chairman of Leadership Training is Circle Co-ordinator. Soon after being elected, she sets up a Job Analysis Workshop to train circle personnel.

At the outset, the purpose, organization, duties, membership, and plan of rotation of circles, should be written into the constitution and the by-laws of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Circles are encouraged to meet each month in the homes of the members.

The Procedure

At the first meeting of the circle:
→ Select and appoint all the chairmen.
→ Select a hostess and co-hostess for each meeting during the year.
→ Determine a transportation plan. Drivers pick up the same members for both circle and society meetings. Each driver should have a list of the names of members for whom she is responsible, with addresses and telephone numbers.
→ Indicate that women who are not members of the Woman's Society may be invited to the circle as guests.
→ Clear all plans with the chairman of Leadership Training who serves as Circle Co-ordinator.
→ Encourage each person in the circle to use a Love Gift box.
→ Abide by the policies and support the projects of the Woman's Society.

The Personnel

→ **The chairman**—selected by the nominating committee of the Woman's Society—presides at all circle meetings.

→ **The chairmen** selected from circle membership include:

1. **Co-chairman** who presides in the absence of the chairman. She with the Woman's Society chairman of Program plans the programs for the circle. She relays to the circle members information concerning the three areas of work related to the division of First Vice-President.

2. **Chairman of Missions** who relays to the circle members information about the three areas of work within the division of Missions.

3. **Chairman of Christian Service** who relays to the circle members information concerning service projects including White Cross, Church World Service, the Love Gift, and also information regarding Christian Social Relations.

4. **Chairman of Christian Training** who relays to the circle members information relative to the three areas of work of the division of Christian Training, selects worship leaders, and plans with the chairman of Program for special study groups and training sessions.

5. **Secretary-treasurer** who sends notices of meetings; keeps attendance record; prepares minutes; and handles all funds.

The Program

Meetings may be scheduled in the morning, afternoon, or evening, as each circle may decide. It may be preferable for all circles to hold their meetings on the same date.

The total time required for meetings should be two hours:

Worship, eight to ten minutes.

Business, including reports from chairmen, fifteen to twenty minutes. Lengthy discussions ruin a meeting. Appoint a committee to explore the situation and report.

Program, twenty-five to thirty minutes.

Fellowship features may be included at luncheon or during coffee break.

Essential factors to be recognized are that . . .

→ Variety in programing is important.
→ Participation by all members is desirable.
→ The circle program should not duplicate the monthly meeting program of the society.
→ The society's chairman of Program meets with the co-chairmen of all circles to outline program procedures for the circles.
→ Special events—such as an All Circles' Dinner—should bring together all women of the church.

"Guide for the Circles in the Local Woman's Baptist Mission Society" is adapted from *The Magic Circle,* available in American Baptist bookstores. Price, 35 cents.

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: Rhoda Young
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Stewardship in a Nutshell

Many words, both spoken and written, have been used to interpret Christian stewardship in today's world. Simply and completely in the words of the short prayer-hymn, used so often at the dedication of an offering, the subject of stewardship is covered.

"We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

"ALL that we have is Thine." In the foreword to Helen Kingsbury Wallace's book, *Stewardship for Today's Woman*, Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber, president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, said: "Stewardship is . . . synonymous with total dedication, demanding that the woman become all that she is capable of becoming, and developing to the utmost her every possession."

For a visual aid to "Stewardship in a Nutshell" insert in an empty walnut shell a folded copy of the preceding prayer-hymn and glue the halves of the shell together again.

The Age of Surveys

"Let observation with extensive view
Survey mankind, from China to Peru."

So said Samuel Johnson a couple of hundred years ago. Little did he know that the 1960's would be the Age of Surveys.

I am suggesting just one more survey. This one not of mankind but of womankind, and not from China to Peru but right in your own local church.

Numerous and diverse are the statistics which show an increase in the employment of women during the last twenty years. It goes without saying that this increase has a distinct affect on church life, since the employed woman has neither time nor energy for participating in church activities as carried on twenty years ago.

Being of a practical mind, I wanted to discover the proportion of employed women to unemployed women in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of a typical Baptist church. Also I was curious to learn whether women under forty years of age are being challenged by our present program.

I made a survey in my own church, the First Bapist Church of Medford, Massachusetts, and was amazed at what I discovered. If you make a survey in your church, you, too, may be surprised.

In the First Baptist Church of Medford we have approximately three hundred members in our Women's Federation—active in varying degrees. We have eight circles including one group made up entirely of employed women.

I wrote a note of explanation to each circle leader, enclosing a self-addressed return postal card, on which I asked for the following information:

_____ Circle Date _____

Gainfully employed women (full time or part-time)

Number under 40 years of age	_____	
Number 40-65 years	_____	
Number over 65 years	_____	
Total employed women		_____

Not employed (able-bodied, more or less)

Number under 40 years of age	_____	
Number 40-65 years	_____	
Number over 65 years	_____	
Shut-ins	_____	
Total unemployed women		_____
Total number of women in the circle		_____

If your church is small, one card completed by the president may be enough to tell the story.

The findings of this survey on the status of women of the First Baptist Church of Medford, Massachusetts, are printed on the following page.

Listed in our yearbook are forty-two opportunities for service: as officers, members of committees, and so forth. Only ten of these positions are filled by employed women.

STATUS OF WOMEN
of the
WOMEN'S BAPTIST MISSION SOCIETY
First Baptist Church
Medford, Massachusetts

Women under 40 years of age:	
Employed	25
Not employed	31
Women between 40-65 years:	
Employed	103
Not employed	88
Total of employable women up to 65 years:	
Employed	128
Not employed	119

We must bear in mind, of course, that this is an analysis of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society only. It is true that although only ten employed women hold offices in the Women's Federation many of them are teaching in the church school, serving as church officers and committee members, singing in the choir, and so forth.

If 50 per cent of our women—yours and mine—are now working, half of the offices should be filled by employed women, and the meetings of the board of managers or planning committee meetings should be held at a time when the employed women can participate.

Does your survey show that the majority of your women are in the middle-age group? Let us find our younger, employed women and arouse *their* interest in our program. Young mothers can be drawn more easily into the church activities through their children in the church school. A registration of attendance at Easter and Christmas church services would reveal many women who should be drawn into "Circles of Involvement."

Our "observation with extensive view" in the study of womankind, in and out of our church fellowship, will enable us to recognize our weaknesses that we may become strong as we strive to reach our goal of "Every Woman Worshiping . . . Working . . . Witnessing."

Time Savers

Women who work, keep house, and raise a family are very conscious of flying hours—every minute must be used profitably. These women will not allow their time to be wasted in meetings which are dull, slow-moving, inefficiently handled.

The following reminders may be helpful to presiding officers:

→ **Begin on time** even if few are present. The habit of prompt attendance is soon acquired. No one likes to be conspicuous by coming in late. Call the meeting for an odd time, say 7:58. The members will notice the novelty and comment on it. Start promptly at eight o'clock. If six people are on time and the program does not get under way until 8:15, fifteen minutes have been wasted for each of the six persons—a total of one hour and a half!

→ **Guest speakers or entertainers should be scheduled first** before any business is conducted. If guest speakers must sit through discussions of local interest, their time is being wasted—to their annoyance. Invite them to remain for the business session but permit them to leave gracefully after their speech. Maybe Mrs. Speaker has had a hard day and will appreciate the consideration.

→ **General thanks** to all who assisted can be said in one short sentence. If names are mentioned, the sensitive person whose name is omitted is offended. A personal note of gratitude is more appreciated.

→ **Correspondence need not be read in full.** Say "Letters of appreciation have been received from . . ." and place letters in a basket to be read later by those who are interested.

→ **Avoid reading any lengthy document.** Attention lags, minds wander, and yawns are contagious. If members must be familiar with facts in order to make intelligent decisions, mail a copy of the document to each person well in advance of the meeting, to be read and digested at leisure.

→ **Encourage concise records by secretary and treasurer.** Limit reports of officers and chairmen to two minutes. The story of the Creation was told in 500 words, and the Gettysburg Address delivered in three minutes.

→ **Suggested schedule for two-hour meeting:**

8:00– 8:15 Devotions
8:15– 8:45 Speaker
8:45– 9:00 Discussion of subject, and Action
9:00–10:00 Fellowship

Massachusetts Entertained

The business and professional women of Massachusetts invited the employed women leaders of the other New England states to attend their overnight conference in May. Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire were represented.

Our former national vice-president, Miss Golda Morford, was the principal speaker. Having recently returned from a year of travel around the world, studying the employment of women in many countries and visiting our mission fields, Miss Morford said: "The best plan for peace in the world today is our foreign mission program—our American Baptist Peace Corps."

During the Massachusetts conference it was rumored that I was about to pack my bag for a visit to our home mission stations in Alaska. A suggestion was made that a gift from those at the conference be taken by me to our missions in Alaska. The hat was passed and a spontaneous gift totaling $43.75 resulted.

I have some good pictures (slides) and shall be happy to show them to any group if transportation can be arranged. Southern California please note!

The steady growth in organization and activity of employed women is due to the enthusiasm of the career women themselves, stimulated by co-operation and encouragement of all church leaders.

Is there a group of employed women meeting in *your* church?

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: Eloise Beynon (Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr.)
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"In the Good Ol' Summertime"—1961

Local counselors may I come in and talk with you about several very exciting things that happened during last June, July, and August? Some of them were first in the life of our Fellowship Guild.

For the first time we had former chairmen, a counselor, and a director attending the Fellowship Guild luncheon held on Woman's Day at the American Baptist Convention, June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon.

For the first time we had our Alma Noble Scholarship recipient as our guest at the Fellowship Guild luncheon on Woman's Day.

For the first time Miss Evelyn Huber, Associate Director of Youth Work, directed the Green Lake Fellowship Guild Conference.

For the first time we invited husband-and-wife teams to share leadership in the Bible hour and Vesper services.

Let's Be More Specific

Now, let's be more specific about these *firsts*.

→ Sixty-three counselors gathered at the Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon, on June 14, 1961, for the luncheon in observance of the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

→ Miss Isabelle Gates, Mrs. Robert Manogg, Miss Sandra Schoeninger, and Miss Kathryn Wilsey—all former officials—were honored guests.

→ New materials were discussed. The first art posters of "Some Things Are Just For Girls," which is the new promotional filmstrip for Fellowship Guild, were shown.

Alma Noble Scholarship Fund

It is with pleasure that I present Miss Jerilynn Smith, Fellowship Guild recipient for 1961.

Jerilynn Smith

Jeri is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Norman L. Smith, missionaries in Ouzinkie, Alaska.

Jeri attended the American Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, and was introduced at the annual board meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women and at the Fellowship Guild luncheon.

During the Youth Hour on Saturday, June 17, Jeri spoke for all the American Baptist scholarship winners. We were inspired when she told us of her challenge to higher education and of her plans in the field of nursing. A portion of her personal philosophy follows:

"God has given me an unusual and rewarding way of life. The only way I can start to pay the balance of all I owe is by investing all that I am in Christ's service. I think that gratitude for all God's gifts is best expressed by stewardship."

Jerilynn Smith entered Linfield College at McMinnville, Oregon, this month. May God bless her!

Gratitude and deep appreciation to all who underwrote the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund during the past year!

Four hundred and thirty-two chapters contributed a total of $601.99. With this amount, we were able to give financial assistance for the second year to Miss Betty Ann Homer and to award a larger scholarship to the 1961 Alma Noble girl—Miss Jerilynn Smith.

Shortly you will receive from me two letters regarding your contribution to the Alma Noble Fund:

→ The first letter should be in your hands by early October. Enclosed in this letter will be the gray envelope to be used for your contribution.

→ The second letter will arrive at Thanksgiving.

→ Please check with your association and state counselor if you do not receive these letters.

1961 Guild Conference

Guild girls came from many churches across our denomination. Very special congratulations are sent to the three new Guilds—two in New Jersey and one in Kansas—which had 100 per cent attendance at the 1961 Green Lake Guild Conference!

"The Parables of Jesus," led by the Reverend Andrew Davison of Providence, Rhode Island, and the worship experiences during the Vesper services, led by the Reverend James McCrossen of Topeka, Kansas, were highlights of the conference.

The counselors met in conference several hours each day, discussing and studying the statement on "The Philosophy of the Fellowship Guild," evaluating filmstrips from the kit for "Workers with Youth," and projecting ideas for programs for the coming year. All phases of our emphases and goals were also reviewed and local concerns were discussed.

Evening programs included a performance of "Lower Than Angels," given by the Redlands Drama Trio; a visit to the Inn area to participate in a program with the Women's Conference; a conversation with Congo missionaries; and other interesting activities. On the final evening there was an inspirational Communion-Consecration service.

One hundred and forty girls and 35 counselors and leaders departed from the 1961 Green Lake Conference with personal convictions that "Every Person IS My Mission."

Guild Grows—In What Way?

Reports are tabulated each May for the program year which ends on April 15. As the numbers grow, we anticipate growth in our work.

Because we did not have a report from every state this year, our numbers are not as large. But our *true* growth is determined by the fact that the scholarship program is assisting *two* girls; more books are being read; White Cross continues to fill more needs; and nearly one thousand Dedication Services for Love Gift were held, with an offering of $6,424.12 for Love Gift. Thirty-one states reported 3,158 chapters (1,598 are registered) with 15,436 members.

I thank you all for your co-operation during the past year. May the coming year be one of continued and strengthened interest and leadership on the part of us all.

The Philosophy of the Fellowship Guild

A revised statement on the "Philosophy of the Fellowship Guild" was completed early in 1961. Because of your activity in the total program of Guild, the statement on the philosophy of the Fellowship Guild is printed here.

History

"The Fellowship Guild (formerly World Wide Guild) has been an integral part of the Baptist Youth Fellowship since its inception in 1941. When the first tentative constitution of the Baptist Youth Fellowship was officially voted by the American (then Northern) Baptist Convention, it was clearly stated that all members of the Baptist Young People's Union, the World Wide Guild (now the Fellowship Guild), the Royal Ambassadors, Christian Endeavor and other groups, including organized young people's Sunday School classes, were to become members of the new, integrated, unified youth organization. It was recognized that some girls, as well as boys, have needs which do not seem to be met solely in a co-educational program. The Fellowship Guild became a program for girls in the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

"Today the program of the Fellowship Guild includes all areas of concern in the lives of girls 12-24 years of age. The emphases are: Missionary World Outreach, Christian Personality Development, Christian Home, Skills and Vocations."

Relationship to the National Council of American Baptist Women

"The Fellowship Guild has always had a valuable and natural relationship to the women of the American Baptist Convention. The women started the Fellowship Guild (then World Wide Guild). When it came under the direction of the Board of Education in 1920, the women continued to maintain a close co-operative relationship to it. This close relationship continued when the Fellowship Guild became a part of the Baptist Youth Fellowship in 1941.

"With the establishment of the National Council of American Baptist Women, a new understanding of the relationship between the women and the Fellowship Guild developed. In the women's constitutions, national, state, city, association, and local churches, the Fellowship Guild Counselor is considered a member of the Board of Managers of the Women's Baptist Mission Society. This recognition of the counselor strengthens and makes visible the active co-operation which exists and is desired between the National Council of American Baptist Women and the Baptist Youth Fellowship."

Administrative Responsibility

"Responsibility for planning the program and activities of the Fellowship Guild rests with the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention through its Department of Youth Work—Baptist Youth Fellowship. A member of the Youth Department staff has the administrative responsibility for the Fellowship Guild. This staff member works closely with the national Fellowship Guild Counselor who is appointed by the Youth Committee of the Board of Education and Publication after consultation with the Baptist Youth Fellowship and the National Council of American Baptist Women.

"The Board of Managers of the Board of Education and Publication has taken steps to assure that the national Fellowship Guild Counselor be an elected member of the Board of Managers serving on its Youth Committee, or that this person be an ex officio member of the Youth Committee if it is not possible for her to be an elected member of the Board of Managers. The national Fellowship Guild Counselor attends the meeting of the National Council of the Baptist Youth Fellowship each year and attends the fall Executive Board meeting of the Baptist Youth Fellowship in order to give guidance to the program of the Fellowship Guild. The national Fellowship Guild Counselor also serves on the planning committee for the Fellowship Guild Conference at Green Lake."

In State, City, Association, and Local Churches

"Choice of Counselor for the Fellowship Guild, whether local, association, state or city follows this procedure: the counselor is appointed by the Board of Christian Education after consultation with the Baptist Youth Fellowship cabinet and the Board of Managers of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. The Fellowship Guild Counselor is automatically a member of the Committee on Youth Work in the church, association, and state or city. She is also a member of the Board of Managers of the Women's Baptist Mission Society of the state or city, association or church."

Leadership

"In keeping with the philosophy of youth work—by youth and for youth—the recognized leader of the Fellowship Guild is the national Fellowship Guild Chairman. She is appointed by the elected officers of the Baptist Youth Fellowship at the meeting of the National Council. She is a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

"In the state, city or association, the chairman of the Fellowship Guild is elected or appointed by the Baptist Youth Fellowship and is a member of the Baptist Youth Fellowship cabinet of the state, city, association or church.

"In the local church the Fellowship Guild chairman is elected by the chapter and automatically becomes a member of the Baptist Youth Fellowship cabinet of her respective age group."

Book of Remembrance

Book of Remembrance and the Fellowship Guild Program of Degrees! Inquiries are being received constantly, asking for the names of missionaries who could be Prayer Partners, locations of our mission stations both home and overseas, and the correct addresses for our missionaries. From the inception of the Program of Degrees, the *Book of Remembrance* has been suggested as the best possible source. Price, one dollar.

To the Recording Secretaries

From: Louise Reagan
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National Recording Secretary
National Council of American Baptist Women

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Dear Secretaries:

"Madam President, I move that . . ."

Recording a Motion

From the moment you as secretary hear those five magic words, "Madam President, I move that . . ." the recording of the exact wording of the motion and the name of the person making it is your primary task.

After the motion is seconded (you do not need to record the name of the seconder), the motion is open for discussion.

After the vote is taken, record whether the motion carried or was lost.

Remember, record only what is *done* (action), not all that is said.

A motion that is withdrawn need not be recorded.

Board Responsibilities

Each one of us who serves as the secretary of her Woman's Baptist Mission Society, is a member of its board of managers.

A workshop led by Mrs. Ivan Bell on "The Conduct of the Meeting," during the National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 1961, defined responsibilities of those who serve on boards as follows:

→ Attend all meetings.

→ Be loyal to the board. (The president should use the word "our" and expect all members to be behind her.)

→ Participate constructively in discussions.

→ Be informed.

→ Vote according to your convictions.

The preceding definitions of the responsibilities of those who serve on boards certainly apply to secretaries! Let us do our utmost to make the meetings productive!

Suggestions for Secretaries

One of the pleasures of participating in workshops is the sharing of ideas.

The help considered to be most valuable to every secretary seems to be the small pamphlet, "Simplified Parliamentary Procedure," available for only five cents per copy from The Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc., 5225 Sycamore Avenue, New York 71, New York. Do you have a copy of "Simplified Parliamentary Procedure"? Does each circle chairman and each circle secretary have a copy?

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To the Treasurers

From: Evelyn Lloyd
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National Treasurer
National Council of American Baptist Women

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That You May Know

On Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon, two offerings were received:

The tenth anniversary offering, at the morning session, amounted to $1,111.67, from an attendance of 1,737.

The Love Gift offering, at the afternoon session, amounted to $1,043.15 from an attendance of 2,459.

Planned Finances

Treasurers from three states, from three associations, and from fourteen local societies attended the conference for treasurers which followed the luncheon for secretaries, treasurers, and chairmen of Publicity on Woman's Day, in Portland, Oregon, June 14, 1961.

Model budgets were discussed and sources of income by which expenditures are financed in local, association, and state societies were reviewed at the conference on Woman's Day and also at the division conference for treasurers held during the National Women's Conference, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, in July 1961. At the Green Lake conference one state treasurer reported that more societies in her state are operating on budgets during the current year than in previous years. Encouraging, indeed, but how many others of the thirty-four remaining state treasurers can make a similar report?

Copies of budgets from certain local societies have been received. These particular budgets have been patterned after the "Model Budgets." This, too, is encouarging so far as it goes. May this trend increase! But the 1960-1961 reports from the local societies indicated that 3,675 societies do not plan their finances by the budget process. This indicates that the disbursements of about three-fourths of the local societies are made on the basis of contingent circumstances rather than on long-range planning and budgeting.

There is opportunity for improving the planned financing of our Woman's Baptist Mission Society enterprises. Indicative of how much room there is for such improvement is the reported fact that 773 local societies do not have any treasurer at all!

If the 3,938 local societies that do report annually show 773 treasurers' positions unfilled, how many more remain unfilled in the 1,059 societies that do not report their activities to the National Council of American Baptist Women? Perhaps a thousand or more local societies lack the assistance of a treasurer in planning their financial expenditures through a budget system. One of the tests that indicate whether or not we are

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conducting the Lord's business in the best possible manner is to ask ourselves if we would follow a similar procedure in the conduct of our own business. Would we willingly do without the assistance and promotional ideas of a thousand treasurers, were we a private enterprise operating for private profit? Surely we need to avail our Woman's Societies of every person, talent, and asset for the furtherance of its work. An appeal is made to all state and association treasurers to do their utmost to encourage the filling of these vacant posts before the 1961-1962 reports are due.

Our Incomplete Story!

The state treasurers are to be commended. Reports were received from all thirty-five state treasurers in time to be included in the national annual report. While this unanimity is gratifying, a second thought is disturbing. It is true that the state treasurers submitted their reports in good order and on time—but their reports do not by any means tell the complete story. State treasurers can report only that which is submitted to them by their association treasurers, who in turn are dependent on their local treasurers for the completeness of their reports.

The gaps in the 1960-1961 story appear clearly.

Out of the 349 associations in the American Baptist Convention, 11 did not report to their state treasurers—or reported too late to be included in the report of state treasurers to the National Council of American Baptist Women. This means eleven sizeable gaps in presenting the national picture.

Out of 4,997 local societies in the American Baptist Convention, 1,059—or 21 per cent—failed to report to their associations or reported too late for the association treasurers to include in their reports.

Therefore, approximately one-fifth of our local societies leave no mark in the records of the National Council of American Baptist Women for the work they accomplished during the program year 1960-1961.

Since much planning of future programs is based on the accomplishments of the past, our planning now lacks one-fifth of the data which should be available for consideration.

Will each association treasurer who has on her roll one or more of the 1,059 non-reporters, make an extra effort to impress upon the local treasurer the desirability of a report from each and every society? The local society is the all-important unit in our Woman's Society's mission work. Surely its contribution to the Lord's business is worthy to be included in the denomination's final report of each year's endeavor.

Let us close the gaps in each annual chapter of our women's story! Many thousands of American Baptist women are devoted to the Christian cause for which they labor within our organizational structure. The fruits of their efforts are worthy of being recorded. It may astonish us to see in one complete picture what we ALL are doing for the Lord. It may also stir us to higher goals which now, because our story is not completely told, appear beyond our present reach.

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Additional help may be obtained from your state university. Inquire of the Extension Service of your state university whether they issue extension bulletins on parliamentary procedure or on how to conduct a meeting. Some state universities offer this service through their co-operative extension department.

Check your local library for a simplified interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order.

Think Upon These Beatitudes

When the routine of our work causes us who are secretaries to think lightly of our contribution, let us recall the "Beautitudes for Secretaries," written by Florence R. Little.[1]

Other officers and chairmen on your board of managers may appreciate reading these beatitudes too!

Beatitudes for Secretaries

Blessed is the secretary who sendeth her report on time;
Her price is far above rubies and like a candle in the dark her light faileth not.
For as an empty cupboard concerns a keeper of home
So doth it sadden the heart to look for mail that cometh not.
Blessed is the secretary that answereth every question!
Proclaim her virtues from the housetops.
Give unto her the full measure of our devotion,
For without these faithful ones we would be as empty clouds
When the rain falleth not and great is the drought to those who wait for them.
As a scale measures weight, so accuracy giveth measure to records,
And without them our work seemeth not to prosper.
So blessed is the secretary who sendeth her report on time.
Thrice blessed is she, for of such the Master saith, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."
And we grow not weary in well doing for to our hands cometh proof of work done
And our hearts are made glad in the Lord.

Aide to the President

To serve as an aide to the president is an emphasis for secretaries during the program year 1961-1962.

By all means furnish your president with a copy of the minutes—typewritten if possible. The importance of this procedure was discussed at the secretaries' luncheon on Woman's Day in Portland, Oregon, in June, 1961.

We were fortunate in the number of secretaries who attended the secretaries' luncheon and also to have with us Mrs. T. D. Stilwell of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. Dean H. Thayer of Mesa, Arizona, who served as the first and second secretaries respectively of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

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Dear Publicity Worker:

If you want newspaper coverage for your Woman's Society and haven't been getting it—or if you want to put a new face on the publicity your daily local has been giving you so faithfully all these years—try photography!

→ Keep your words to a minimum.

→ Let a picture tell your story. But don't expect even the most humble local to send out a photographer when you have a picture to be taken. You must take the pictures yourself or you must find a shutterbug in your society or church. And first of all, you must convince yourself and the president and the treasurer of your Woman's Society that the small expense is well worth the final results. Film does cost more than a four-cent stamp, but the results are worth the difference.

Basic Rules

Here are some basic rules for taking publicity pictures. Many of them came from the new brochure *Communications Methods for Clubs,* which may be ordered free of charge from the National Association of Manufacturers, 2 East 48th Street, New York 17, New York.

1. Simulated or real action pictures attract attention. Focus interest on your subjects and reduce the dense shadows created by flash exposure by placing subjects a few feet in front of a plain background. Whenever possible use a few props since it gives the subjects something to do with their hands.

2. The eye usually enters a picture from the left side, so create a line of entry by angling the table flower arrangement, for instance, toward the principal subject or by seating the guests in a diagonal line which leads to the guest of honor.

3. Look out for "specs" before the eyes. If any of the women wear glasses, never take a head-on flash picture at eye level or you will find two bright white spots where the subject's eyes should appear.

4. Have the women appear to be interested in one another's comments or the materials at hand. Ask them *not* to look directly into the camera or at other people in the group, but rather present a three-quarters face and figure to the camera.

5. If you are snapping a casual photo, watch out for the actions of guests nearest the speaker or the focal point of interest. Don't include somebody who may appear to be falling asleep, may have a potted palm growing out of her head, or may be looking out of the picture with apparent disinterest.

6. Keep the picture simple. Fill the entire picture area with meaningful subject matter that is large enough to be distinguished in print. Remember that the average newspaper picture is never wider than two columns.

7. Limit the number of women in your picture to five at the most. Three would be better. Keep the principals as close together as possible, almost crowded.

8. If women's feet or skirts are to appear in the picture, watch out for draping fabric into graceful lines and be careful of the position of the feet.

9. When you submit a photograph to a newspaper, always submit a glossy print. A glossy measuring five inches by seven inches is the preferred size.

10. Identify the subjects in the picture from left to right. Write a brief caption covering only the basic facts and listing the names. Then scotch tape the caption to the back of the print. Never write on the back of a glossy photograph. This breaks the emulsion on the picture side and a bad reproduction is the result.

Your Pictures . . .

Can be much better if you take the time to read *How to Make Good Pictures,* an entertaining, authoritative handbook for everybody who takes pictures. Order from the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York. Price, one dollar.

Since for most of us technicalities and fun don't necessarily mix, you'll be delighted to find that this isn't an especially technical book. It simply points out some of the features which make good photographs and it explains in simple language some ways to get results with the least possible fuss and expense.

One caution! Don't expect that every picture you take and submit to the paper will be used. Pass this caution on to your treasurer, too!

When you have a good glossy for your own paper, why not make two prints and send me the duplicate with all the facts? I am always—always—looking for stories from local societies to pass along to our American Baptist Press Relations Department for circulation throughout the American Baptist Convention.

Why not send me a picture-story of your Woman's Society before Christmas?